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EXCHANGE BANK PARLIAMENT

'Ex Gratia' Payment To African Depositors

RS. ONE LAKH PLACED AT INDIAN ENVOY'S DISPOSAL

Strained Relations, Cause For Rushing Money

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (PTI).

PARLIAMENT today voted supplementary demands for grants amounting to over rupees eightyeight crores. The largest item is over rupees 79.12 crores on capital outlay on currency.

Consequent on the devaluation of the rupee in terms of gold, India has to pay to the International Monetary Fund and the International Bank this additional sum in order to maintain the value, in terms of gold, of India's subscription to the fund and her purchases of U.S. dollars and the paid-up subscription to the capital of the Bank.

The major part of this liability will be paid in the form of non-negotiable, non-interest bearing securities.

During discussion of a supplementary grant of Rs. 40.83 lakhs for the External Affairs Ministry, Mr. B. Das asserted that India's representatives abroad were not "economy-minded or national-minded" and added: "They live in external glory to the distress and disaster of our country."

Dr. B. V. Keskar, Deputy Minister for External Affairs, said that the Ministry had effected a saving of Rs. 27 lakhs and instructions had been issued to effect as much economy as possible. The staff had been decreased wherever possible with due regard to efficiency.

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, revealed that a sum of Rupees one lakh was placed at the disposal of the Indian High Commissioner in East Africa for 'ex-gratia' payments to the poorest class of African depositors in the Indian-managed Exchange Bank of India and Africa, Nairobi, which failed. The relations between Indians and East Africans became considerably strained as a result of the failure of this bank and the payment was considered entirely from a political angle.

REFUGEES

The House voted a supplementary demand of Rs. 3.25 crores on account of expenditure on refugees.

Lala Achint Ram (East Punjab) appealed to the Rehabilitation Ministry: "For God's sake use the funds in such a way as would bring the greatest benefit to the refugees."

Mr. Mohanlal Saksena, Minister of State for Rehabilitation, announced that a High Power Committee was considering the liquidation of the problem of displaced persons as speedily as possible with the funds that would be available in the next two years. He hoped that before next summer, there would be no displaced person without a roof over his head.

The Finance Minister stated that a payment of over Rs. 10.89 lakhs was made by Government to the Industrial Finance Corporation to enable it to pay the statutorily guaranteed minimum dividend of two and quarter per cent on the paid up share capital. Dr. Matthai said that the Corporation was getting into full swing and its working should not be judged by the results of the first year of its life.

The House also passed supplementary grants totalling over Rs. 28 lakhs for the railways.

It referred to select committees the Banking Companies (Amendment) Bill and the Industrial Disputes (Appellate Tribunal) Bill. Discussion on the Labour Minister's motion for reference of the Mines Bill to a Select Committee had not concluded when the House adjourned till tomorrow.

CUSTOMS

A demand for grant under the head "customs" amounting to Rs. 2,56,85,000 was sanctioned by the House after the Speaker ruled out of order all the three cut motions tabled against the demand. The Speaker ruled that the members had tabled cut motions under ignorance of the exact scope of discussion over the demands. The principles and policies of the demands had been discussed fully by the House during the budget session and the scope of discussion on supplementary demands should be limited to such new things or new items that had not come before the House.

The demand under customs represented the amount of compensation to be paid to the Government of Saurashtra Union under the terms of the agreement reached with them regarding the surrender to the Government of India of their customs rights including administration and for removal of the Viramagam customs cordon.

In reply to questions, Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister, said that as a result of prolonged and careful discussion between the State and Finance Ministries on the one hand and the Saurashtra Government on the other, this "fair arrangement" had been reached. The matter of compensation in respect of payment to other States and State Unions for loss of customs revenue was under discussion. As regards the Saurashtra Union, the Finance Minister thought that the Centre stood to gain and his very rough estimate of the revenue would be Rs. three crores.

EXPENDITURE ON ASSEMBLY

Matthai Declines To Enter Into Discussion

Dr. John Matthai pointed out that the Constituent Assembly was a sovereign body and suggestions regarding expenditure on the Assembly were made by the President of the Constituent Assembly. It was not the business of the Finance Ministry to scrutinize the reports that

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Elephant Shed On Fire

BOMBAY, Friday: At ten tonight, the elephant shed in the Victoria Gardens caught fire. The elephants were at once let loose, while the fire was tackled by firemen. It was put out in half an hour. The animals are safe, though a trifle scared.

A Temple Is Gutted

TOKYO, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Fire completely destroyed late last night the 350-year-old Buddhist temple on historical Mount Hie in the Shiga prefecture west of Tokyo. The temple staff saved some valuable objects.

3 NEW DRUGS TO FIGHT LEPROSY

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI).

Three new drugs have been reported to be effective in leprosy treatment during the recent past, according to a statement made by the Health Minister Raj Kumari Amrit Kaur in Parliament during question hour today.

These are: (1) Derivatives of Diamino-Diphenyl-Sulphone. (II) Streptomycin. (III) Paramino-Salicylic acid.

The first two had been in use in the treatment of leprosy for the last three or four years but the last one (Sulphetronee) had come into use only recently, she said the reports of the results had been very encouraging in the hands of American, British and Indian workers.

The drug was being tried on a limited scale in the Lady Willingdon Leprosy Sanatorium at Chingleput, Madras, School of Tropical Medicine, Calcutta and in many other leprosy homes in the country.

FAILURE ECHO IN PARLIAMENT

GOVERNOR VISITS SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND IN DADAR

Raja Maharaj Singh paid a visit to the Dadar School for the Blind on Friday evening. He is seen here meeting some of the blind students. (See report on page 3, Pulse of the City)

Progress Of Grow More Food Campaign In Provinces

BOMBAY LAUNCHES COMPREHENSIVE EXTENSION SERVICE

NEW DELHI, December 23.

ENLISTING the active co-operation of all sections of the people by associating them directly with the food self-sufficiency drive is one of the measures which the Government of Bombay has launched to help in realisation of the food production target fixed. A new agency constituted mainly of the urban intelligentsia has been formed to help the kisans.

Existing agencies like Home Guards are also being employed to help furtherance of the campaign. This is revealed in the latest fortnightly report of the progress of Grow-More-Food campaigns in the provinces received in the Central Ministry of Agriculture.

Among important developments in other provinces during the fortnight under review are: Substantial progress in C.P. of the schemes of distribution of seeds and manure, cultivation of an additional area of 7,500 acres in Travancore-Cochin Union, a scheme of placing 30,000 acres of land at the disposal of the Army in Assam for food production purposes and the passing of a Cultivation of Fallow Lands Act by the Government of Vindhya Pradesh.

EXTENSION SERVICE

The Government of Bombay has organized an Urban Volunteer Corps, called the "Kisan Sahayak Dal" to assist the farmers in the Grow-More-Food work. In the districts, the work is undertaken by the District Rural Development Boards and in Bombay city by the Director of Parks and Gardens. The Provincial Agricultural Department is also in contact with progressive farmers with a view to demonstrating on their farms the intensive cultivation programmes recommended by the Government. The services of the Home Guards Organization are also being enlisted in the Grow-More-Food campaign Planting of trees, helping the villagers in repairing small irrigation tanks and similar other work are being taken up by the Guards.

PREPARATION OF COMPOST

The Government of C.P. has advised local bodies to take up farmyard manuring in the village bazars and cattle compounds where considerable quantity of cowdung and other refuse are always available.

To popularise composting work, the Government of Bombay has included the subject in the syllabus of primary schools where agriculture is taught The subject will also be taught at Government training institutions, agricultural high schools and sanitary inspectors' courses.

In the Travancore-Cochin Union, a scheme is being implemented whereby compost manure will be supplied to the ryots as a loan, on the security of crops.

The Government of Vindhya Pradesh has under consideration the promulgation of an ordinance requiring municipalities to prepare compost manure from town refuse and night soil.

In Madhya Bharat, a sum of Rs 1,00,000 has been sanctioned for village compost work. Work has already started in a large number of villages selected for the purpose. During the fortnight under report, over 4,500 tons of refuse material were composted in Madras and over 3,000 tons of compost sold.

EXTENSION OF CULTIVATION

To ensure maximum use of the available tractor strength, the Government of Bombay is trying to pursuade private owners of tractors to undertake ploughing of fields in their neighbourhood, at Government rates, whenever their tractors remain idle.

In C.P., against a target of 1,65,700 maunds of improved paddy seeds proposed to be distributed to the cultivators as much as 1,39,237 maunds have been supplied. In addition, large quantities of manures and fertilisers, e.g., groundnut cake, ammonium phosphates, ammonium sulphate, supher phosphates, town and village compost were also distributed to cultivators.

In Travancore-Cochin Union, an additional area of 7,500 acres is being brought under cultivation. An interesting experiment to raise three crops of paddy on an experimental plot of 1,000 acres of land where at present only a single crop is raised — has been launched in the Union and a subsidy of Rs. 10,000 has been sanctioned for the purpose.

INQUIRY INTO SUGAR MUDDLE

Committee To Be Set Up

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (UPI): The appointment of an Enquiry Committee to go into the causes of the recent sugar muddle in the country as also to suggest how the position could be improved was, it is understood, decided upon at the meeting of the Congress Assembly Party this evening.

A statement in this connection is likely to be made by the Government tomorrow in Parliament during the sugar debate when the appointment of the Committee is expected to be announced.

The Congress Assembly Party which concluded its two-day discussion on the sugar position this evening heard various suggestions on the question from different members but no definite decision on the future policy in this regard could be evolved. The party, therefore accepted the suggestion for appointment of an Enquiry Committee on whose recommendations the future policy would be decided. The meeting was addressed by the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru today.

Kashmir Debate

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Security Council will meet on December 27 to resume its debate on the Kashmir question.

IMF Loans Advisers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): The International Monetary Fund anounced today it had loaned two experts on exchange control as advisers to the Philippines Government at their request.

The advisers have already left for Manila.

FRENCH SCIENTISTS ARRIVE IN BOMBAY

Prof. Joliot-Curie, well-known French scientist, and Madame Curie on their arrival by air from the United Kingdom. They are seen here with Dr. Bhabha (left extreme) and Maj. Gen. Sahib Singh Sokhey, head of the Haffkine Institute.

Humanity's Search For Lasting Peace

UNESCO, THE ONLY HOPE, SAYS MAULANA AZAD

BOMBAY, Friday.

MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD, Education Minister, Government of India, declared here today that the UNESCO was the only hope for the establishment of lasting peace in the war-torn world of today.

The Maulana was inaugurating the first session of the Cultural Sub-Commission of the Indian National Commission for co-operation with the UNESCO, at Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan this evening. A large and distinguished gathering including several Bombay Ministers, members of the Consular Corps, judges of the Bombay High Court and several well-known citizens was present on the occasion. The Maulana also performed the opening ceremoney of the Art Exhibition organised by the Bharatiya Vidhya Bhavan as a part of the Cultural Festival observed by it during the week.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

After a passing reference to the havoc and destruction caused by the last two wars, the Maulana said that when humanity woke up from the nightmare of the second world war, there began a fresh search for peace and tranquility. The fruitless efforts of the League of Nations was before them, and there was therefore a universal desire to build an edifice on better and surer foundations so as to ensure real and lasting peace for mankind. Thus came into existence the UN. It was too early to pass a judgment on the work of this organisation, but from the way in which it was working, it could be said that there was no room for optimism.

Dark clouds still continued to hang over the world, and the UNESCO and other ancillary bodies of the UN were the new lights which were piercing through these clouds. He was sure that if UNESCO was allowed to work steadily it would bring mankind together through processes of education, science and culture. It was through the spread of education, science and culture that human minds could be trained to live for peace. Just as war was made in the minds of men and all the external manifestations of war-time destruction emanated from the mind, so it was the mind, which, if properly trained and moulded could work for enduring peace. UNESCO was a veritable torch which could bring light into this dark and dismal world and help the woe-begotten mankind to establish peace.

The Education Minister further dealt with the limits of the field of activities of the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with UNESCO and its Sub-Commissions. He explained that just as in foreign countries governments and non-governmental bodies were working in the fields of education, science and culture, so in India the Government and other National Agencies were working in those directions. The Indian National Commission and other Sub-Commissions should supplement these activities in the international field and coordinate the two according to a systematic plan.

RESEARCH WORK

Continuing the Maulana said that the desire to bring about understanding among the nations of the world, which was prevalent everywhere at present, was the result of the research work done during the last 150 years

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ROOF FOR THE REFUGEE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (UPI).

THE Rehabilitation Minister Mr. Mohanlal Saxena today assured Parliament that no displaced person would be without a roof, above his head, may be a mud hut or a brick built tenement, when the next summer comes.

The Minister told that the object of Government was to liquidate the problem of displaced persons as speedily as possible. The Government, he said, had appointed a High Powered Committee to go into this questions and to consider how this could best be solved within the next two years. As soon as the report of the Committee would be received, the Government would formulate plans accordingly.

LOCK-OUT IN TWO COAL MINES

Proprietors' Decision

JHARIA, Dec 23, (UPI): It is reliably understood that the proprietors of Kustore and Boragarh collieries have decided to declare a lock-out from January 8, 1950.

The reasons given for the lock-out are indiscipline, obstruction in day to day work of managers, actual violence committed by outsiders and interested persons, mainly belonging to the I.N.T.U.C. camp.

O HARK ALL YE FAITHFUL!

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (PTI): About 100 Pacifists drawn from more than 30 countries will broadcast a peace appeal to the world from Mahatma Gandhi's hut at Sevagram on Christmas Eve. They will broadcast in Persian, Arabic, English, French, German, Burmese and Chinese.

For India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad will broadcast the appeal in English and Hindi at 8-30 p.m. on December 24. The appeal will be carried by all AIR stations.

World Peace Appeal

A World Peace appeal by Dr. Rajendra Prasad issued on behalf of the World Pacifist Meeting in session at Sewagram, will be broadcast by A.I.R. from Gandhiji's hut in Sewagram, at 8-30 p.m. on Saturday, the 24th December, 1949.

The broadcast will be in English and in Hindi and will be relayed by all stations of All-India Radio.

You can hear the following programmes:

December 25—at 3 p.m. The proceedings of the open session of the World Pacifist Meeting.

December 25—at 10 p.m. A radio-report in English including extracts from the speeches by some of the delegates at the open session.

December 27—at 8-30 p.m. Recorded talks by some of the delegates.

December 29—at 8-30 p.m. Recorded talks by some of the delegates.

December 31—at 10 p.m. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's address at the closing session.

After 19 Years, Cap

AGRA, Dec. 23 (U.P.I.): Thakur Jagannath Singh, a Congress worker of Sarendhi, in Agra district, wore his cap after a lapse of 19 years.

It is stated that his cap was burnt by the Jagner police in 1930, and then the Thakur made a vow that he would not put it again until India achieved independence.

Troops To Be Kept Back

BATAVIA, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Dutch military authorities here stated today that all Dutch troops except those on duty would be confined to barracks indefinitely from midnight on December 26, eve of Indonesian Sovereignty Day. It was understood the order would be applied for about one week.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

TENDER NOTICE NO. D/2008.

THE CHIEF DIRECTOR of Purchase, Ministry of Food (Div. II) Jamnagar House, Mansingh Road, New Delhi, invites tenders for the supply of Biscuits Shakapara. These Biscuits shall be manufactured in accordance with the approved recipe as given in the RIASC Specification. The Biscuits shall contain not more than 9 per cent of moisture and shall be baked flat to measure 3 inches by 2-3/4 inches and to weigh approximately 4 ounces per six biscuits or 2/3 oz per biscuit.

Quotations should be for supply of 548 tons as per delivery schedule given in the tender. The tenders should be sent so as to reach him by 4 p.m. on 16th Jan. 1950. Tender forms (not transferable) obtainable from his office upto 11th Jan. 1950 at Rs. 10/- (not refundable) per set paid in cash or by telegraphic money order (quoting tender notice No. and date) and the remitter's full name and address. Cheques will not be accepted. Applicants not already on the list of approved contractor with the Ministry of Food must also state the names of their bankers and details regarding plant, machinery etc., installed for production of Biscuits. 6692

G. I. P. RLY.—NOTICE

WITH EFFECT from January 1, 1950, CHEMBUR, GOVANDI and MANKHURD stations will be opened for passengers, and their luggage in local booking to and from stations upto Karjat on the South East and Kasara on the North East sections of this Railway, and in through booking with stations on the Suburban Section of the B.B. & C.I. Railway i.e., stations Churchgate to Virar. In addition CHEMBUR will be open for the booking of parcels also. Full particulars regarding booking etc. can be obtained from the Station Masters concerned. (6494)

PUBLIC NOTICES

FEDERAL PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Advertisement No. 76

APPLICATIONS accompanied by a Treasury Receipt or Crossed Indian Postal Order for Rs. 7|8|- (Rs. -1|14|- for Scheduled Caste candidates) invited for the undermentioned posts from nationals of Indian Dominion by birth or by domicile. Persons of Indian descent or citizens of the Indian States which have not acceded to the Indian Dominion or of the Pakistan Dominion or of any other territory adjacent to India are also eligible but a declaration of eligibility issued by the Government of the Dominion of India will be necessary in their case before appointment. SEPARATE APPLICATION WITH SEPARATE FEE REQUIRED FOR EACH POST. The Crossed Postal Order should be marked payable to Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission at New Delhi Post Office. Cheques or Money Orders not accepted. Candidates applying from outside India should deposit the fees with the High Commissioner for India or the Indian Ambassador or the Government of India's Agent as the case may be and attach the receipts to their applications. The Commission may at their discretion remit the application fee where they are satisfied that the applicant is a BONA FIDE displaced person and is not in a position to pay the prescribed fee. No candidate will be considered for appointment unless he appears for a personal interview if called upon to do so. Upper age limit relaxable by three years for Scheduled Caste candidates. For others age limits will be strictly adhered to save in exceptional circumstances and in no case beyond a limit of three years. Two weeks extension allowed to candidates residing abroad.

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Closing date for receipt of applications for following post is 7TH JANUARY, 1950. Applications may be submitted on plain paper giving the undermentioned particulars. 1. Name of the post for which applying. 2. Name and Address. 3. Father's Name. 4. Date and place of birth. 5. Domicile. 6. Qualifications. 7. Previous experience. 8. Full details (with dates and salary drawn) of the previous employment if any. 9. Minimum initial salary acceptable. 10. Names (with addresses) of three persons as references. They should be holders of responsible position but must not be relations.

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Closing date for receipt of applications for following items is 21ST JANUARY, 1950. Particulars and application forms from Secretary, Federal Public Service Commission, Council House, Post Box No. 186, New Delhi. Candidates should specify name of posts while applying for forms. Candidates from outside India may apply on plain form if prescribed application forms are not available.

1. SIX CIVILIAN MEMBERS ON THE SERVICES SELECTION BOARDS, MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Central Services—Class 1. Post temporary for two years. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000-1050-1050-1100-1100-1150. Higher initial pay may be granted to specially well-qualified and experienced candidates. AGE:— Not below 35 years. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) A Good Honours Degree (3 years' Course) or Post Graduate Degree of a recognised Indian or Foreign University. (ii) At least 5 years' experience in teaching High School, Intermediate and/or University students in a recognised Institution. DESIRABLE—At least 3 years' experience as the head of an educational institution or an intermediate or Degree College

2. ONE ASSISTANT JUDGE ADVOCATE OF THE FLEET IN THE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE. Central Service—Class I. Post temporary for five years on contract. PAY:— Rs. 800-40-1000-1000- 1050- 1050- 1100- 1100- 1150. AGE:— Between 30 and 40 years. In the case of Government servants or candidates with previous service in Armed Forces, however the upper age limit may be relaxed by 5 years. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Barrister-at-law or Degree in Law of a recognised University. (ii) At least 5 years' standing as a Barrister-at-law or Advocate of a High Court. DESIRABLE— Knowledge of International Law, preferably a degree or diploma. NOTE:— Preference will be given to persons with previous service in the Armed Forces and especially in Legal Branch.

3. ONE LIAISON OFFICER AND TOWN PLANNER, GOVERNMENT HOUSING FACTORY, DELHI UNDER THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH. General Central Service—Class I. Post temporary for an indefinite period. PAY:— Rs. 600-40-1000-1000- 1050- 1050- 1100-1100-1150. AGE:— Below 45 years. Relaxable for Government servants. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) Must be a graduate of Civil Engineering or Architecture of a recognised University or A.M.I.E. (India). (ii) Must have passed an examination qualifying for Associate Membership of the British Town Planning Institute or equivalent qualification. DESIRABLE:— (i) Training in Town planning with some well-known planner. (ii) 2 years' experience of design and administration and planning schemes in India or abroad.

4. ONE DIRECTOR OF EXHIBITIONS IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. Central Service—Class I. Post temporary for the present but likely to become permanent. PAY:— Rs. 1000-50-1400. Age:— Between 35 and 45 years. QUALIFICATIONS:— ESSENTIAL— (i) At least an M.A. or three years' Honours degree in Economics. (ii) Experience in organising and managing participations in international exhibitions or trade fairs abroad. (iii) Experience in office management and administration (iv) Wide knowledge in industrial and business conditions in India. DESIRABLE—Travel abroad and familiarity with conditions and customs in foreign countries.

ONE STATISTICIAN, HIMACHAL PRADESH, SIMLA, UNDER THE MINISTRY OF STATES. In supercession of item 5 of the Commission's advertisement No. 74 which appeared on the 10th December, 1949, it is notified for general information that the recruitment has been cancelled. 6693

BOMBAY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION.

APPLICATIONS are invited BEFORE 30-1-1950 preferably from persons domiciled in the Bombay Province and from displaced non-Muslims from Pakistan settled in this Province for the permanent and pensionable post of LECTURER IN LOGIC AND PHILOSOPHY. PAY:— Rs. 200-650 PLUS dearness, house rent, etc., allowances admissible under the rules. Higher starting pay admissible to suitable candidates. QUALIFICATIONS:— At least a 2nd Class M.A. with Philosophy OR a 1st Class B.A. with M.A. with Philosophy. AGE: Not less than 23 and not more than 30 years on 1-4-1950, relaxable in suitable cases and not applicable in case of Bombay Government servants.

Application forms supplied on receipt of a large addressed envelope with four annas postage stamps and a CROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1/- payable to the "Secretary, Bombay Public Service Commission, Bombay 1", who will supply full details on request. Persons registered with the employment exchanges can obtain the form on application IN PERSON at the Exchange Office. (6699)

EAST INDIAN RAILWAY ...

NOTICE

RAILWAY SERVANTS or contractors or firms now in India, who have pledged Paper Securities for work, supply, etc. with the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer or General Manager of the old undivided B.A. Railway which remain unreleased so far may send particulars of such Paper Securities to the Senior Accounts Officer, Pre-partition Claims, E.I. Railway, Sealdah. Full particulars of the Paper Securities as well as acknowledgement or Receipts which they hold, location of the work or area of supply against which securities were pledged and the extent of work or supply completed by the 14th August 1947 should also be given.

FINANCIAL ADVISER AND CHIEF ACCOUNTS OFFICER (6702)

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE TO OWNERS OF VEHICLES AND ANIMALS

MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX for the fourth quarter of the year 1949-50 (January to March 1950) falls due on the 1ST OF JANUARY, 1950. Owners of motor vehicles are requested to pay the tax due, to the Ward Inspectors of the Assessment and Collection Department or to send the amount direct to the Assessor and Collector, at the Municipal Head Office, Fort, Bombay. Their attention is invited to the provisions of Sections 188, 190 and 191 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act.

As the tax is a charge on the vehicle, intending purchasers of motor vehicles would do well to verify BEFORE PURCHASE WHETHER MUNICIPAL WHEEL TAX ON THE VEHICLES HAS BEEN PAID UP-TO-DATE.

Owners of HAND-CARTS and BULLOCK CARTS, are likewise liable to pay the tax. They are requested to pay the tax due to the authorities named above and to obtain number plates in token of the payment.

B. K. PATEL
Municipal Commissioner
Bombay, 24th December, 1949. (6704)

CORRECTION

WITH REFERENCE to the Notice regarding the Sale of the property belonging to the Oriental Investment Company Ltd. and the Asian Finance Corporation Ltd., Published in The Bombay Chronicle of 22nd December, 1949, the signature of the purchasers' Attorneys should be read as DABHOLKER & JESHTARAM instead of G. D. DABHOLKER. 6679

PUBLIC NOTICES

NO. 106. SECRETARY, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, WEST BENGAL

invites applications on the prescribed form with a treasury chalan for Rs. 5|- under the head "XXXVI -Misc.- Receipts of the Public Service Commission, West Bengal' not later than January 16, 1950, to fill a temporary post of Sugarcane Specialist in the West Bengal Agricultural Service. Women eligible. Pay Rs. 150-650 per month plus interim pay Rs. 30|-. Initial pay upto Rs. 300|- may be allowed to a specially qualified candidate on the basis of age and qualification. Qualifications— A degree in Agriculture with at least five years practical experience in sugarcane research and development. Preference will be given to an M.Sc. in Agriculture possessing five years' experience in sugarcane research and development. Age not more than 35 years on August 1, 1949, relaxable in the case of officers serving under the Department of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (Agriculture), Government of West Bengal. Particulars obtainable from the office of the Commission, Anderson House (top floor), Alipore, Calcutta 27, personally or on sending a self-addressed stamped envelope. The prescribed form priced at annas two available of the Treasuries and Sub-Treasuries in West Bengal and the Secretariat Book Depot, Writers' Buildings, Calcutta. Persons residing outside West Bengal may obtain the form from the office of the Commission on sending the price in postage stamps. 6708

TENDER NOTICE
STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION, BOMBAY.

TENDERS are invited for the supply of machinery and equipment for heavy duty automobile maintenance and repair operations.

The prescribed form of tender denoting the specific items of the machinery and equipment may be obtained on written application and on payment of Rs. 10|- per set from the Central Office of the State Road Transport Corporation, 81, Love Grove Road, Worli on and after 28th December, 1949.

Tenders should be sealed and superscribed "Tender for Machinery and Equipment" and either forwarded by Registered Post, so as to reach the above office before 12.00 hrs., 14th January 1950 or delivered in person before that date and time.

Tenders will be opened at 11-00 hrs. on 18th January, 1950.

D. D. SATHE.,
Provincial Motor Transport,
Controller. 6713

FOREIGN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

FINANCIAL AID TO PARSI STUDENTS FOR FOREIGN STUDIES

APPLICATIONS are invited from Parsi Students, who hold at least a high Second Class or Hons. Degree for financial aid for studies abroad, preferably in Scientific and Technical Subjects. Preference will be given to students who have already secured admission to colleges and institutions in Foreign Countries. Applications on the prescribed forms can be had from the Secretary, Foreign Education Committee (C|o. Parsi Punchayet Office, 209, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay) and should reach him not later than 14th January, 1950.

F. M. UMRIGAR
Secretary, 6703

NOTICE

APPLICATIONS are invited from candidates possessing Bombay Domicile certificate and non-Muslim persons displaced from Pakistan for the two posts of technicians at the Haffkine Institute. The appointment at present will be on a pureiy temporary basis but there are prospects of permanency in due course. Scale of pay will be Rs. 120—8—200—10—250 plus Dearness Allowance. The applicant should not be over 28 years of age on the date of appointment. Candidate should be a graduate in Science with Chemistry as principal subject. Knowledge and experience in biochemistry or physiology or pharmacology will be an additional qualification. Applications should be sent to the DIRECTOR, HAFFKINE INSTITUTE, PAREL, BOMBAY 12, by 10th of January 1950 giving full particulars of the date of birth, domicile, qualifications, experience, etc. The candidate in Government employment should apply through the Head of the Department. 6709

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY
Hydraulic Engineer's Department
TENDERS

By order of the Municipal Commissioner, the Hydraulic Engineer invites tenders for the supply of one wooden and one steel boat for Tansa lake.

Forms obtainable from the Hydraulic Engineer's Office, Improvement Trust Building, Napier Road, Fort, Bombay at Rs. 3/- per copy not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 11th January, 1950, at 3 p.m. (Bombay Time). 6702

PUBLIC NOTICES

THE HINGIR-RAMPUR COAL COMPANY LIMITED.

New Issue of 8,000 4 1|2% (Tax Free) Redeemable Preference Shares of Rs. 50|- each

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that for the purpose of the above Issue, the Transfer Books of The Hingir-Rampur Coal Company Limited will be closed from Wednesday, the 4th January to Monday, the 9th January, 1950, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
For The Hingir-Rampur Coal Company Limited,
KILLICK INDUSTRIES LIMITED.
H. F. MILNE,
Managing Director,
Agents.

Killick Building,
Home Street, Fort, Bombay,
20th December, 1949. 6706

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Public that Mr. KRISHNARAO KHANDERAO KOTHARE and Mrs. VILASINI KRISHNARAO KOTHARE, of Bombay have agreed to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person claiming to have any right, title or interest of whatsoever nature in to or upon the said property is requested to make it known in writing to the undersigned at 14, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, failing which, the sale may be completed and any such right, title or interest shall be deemed to have been waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece of land, admeasuring 144 square yards or thereabouts situate at Mangalwadi, Girgaum, Bombay bearing Cadastral Survey No. 66 of Girgaum Division together with the building thereof assessed under D Ward No 489 Street No. 38 and bounded on the East by the property of Vishnu Balaji, on the West and North by vacant ground of Dewoodi Borah Cemetery on the South by the Public passage.

Dated this 22nd day of December 1949.

DIVEKAR & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys. (6705)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1637 of 1948
Summary Suit.

Plaint filed this 17th day of June 1948

Summons under O. XXXVII, r. 2, of the Code of Civil Procedure.

WISHWANATH KOCHAR, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, carrying on business in the name and style of Consolidated Trading Corporation at Advani Chambers, Phirozsha Mehta Road, within the Fort of Bombay ... ... Plaintiff

versus

BRIJLAL MALHOTRA of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, residing at Hotel Delamar, Deepak Mahal, Marine Drive, within the fort of Bombay ... ... Defendant

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith Greeting:—

WHEREAS the abovenamed Plaintiff has instituted a suit in this Court against you the abovenamed Defendant under rule 2 of Order XXXVII of the Code of Civil Procedure, 1908, for recovery of the sum of Rs. 10,000/- being the amount lent and advanced by the Plaintiff to you on 23rd October 1947 and in consideration for which you executed in favour of the Consolidated Trading Corporation a Promissory Note for Rs. 10,000 promising to pay the said sum on demand and for Rs. 350 for interest on the said sum of Rs. 10,000/- at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from 23rd October 1947 to 23rd May, 1947 and interest (or as the case may be) you are hereby summoned to cause an appearance to be entered for you, within ten days from the service hereof, in default whereof the Plaintiff will be entitled at any time after the expiration of such ten days to obtain a decree for any sum not exceeding the sum of Rs. 10,350/- with interest on Rs. 10,000/-at the rate of six per cent annum from 24th May, 1948, till judgment and the sum of Rs. 250/- for costs, together with such interest, if any, as the Court may order.

If you cause an appearance to be entered for you, the Plaintiff will thereafter serve upon you a Summons for Judgment at the hearing of which you will be entitled to ask the Court for leave to defend the Suit.

Leave to defend may be obtained if you satisfy the Court by affidavit or otherwise that there is a defence to the suit on the merits, or that it is reasonable that you should be allowed to defend the suit.

Witness MAHOMEDALLI CURRIM CHAGLA, Esquire, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid this 24th day of June, 1948

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR
for Prothonotary and Senior Master.
(Sd.) A. R. NARAYAN AYYAR
Sealed

The 24th day of June 1948

Messrs BENJAMIN & CO
Plaintiff's Attorneys. (6714)

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 463 of 1948.

KHETSEY DEVSEY ....Plaintiff
vs
NARHAR GANESH JOSHI and others ..... Defendants.

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, made in the above Suit and bearing date the 7th day of January, 1949, the following immoveable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Hon'ble Court on the site of the Property on Saturday, 7th January 1950 at 2 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS:—

All those pieces of land with the dwelling houses, wells, trees, etc., standing thereon, situate on the North side of Annaji Sunder Road, Thana in Salsette Taluka, District Thana, bearing the following numbers and Areas::—

Tika No.	City Survey No.	Municipal Ward No.	Area Sq. Yds.
13	30	IV	50
"	31	"	126
"	32	"	20
"	33	"	52
"	34	"	91
"	35	"	36
"	36	"	45
"	37	"	160
"	38	"	3206
		Total Sq. Yds.	3816

For further particulars and conditions of Sale, applications should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. KHUNDERAO LAUD & CO., Attorney's for the Plaintiff abovenamed at No. 101, Mahatma Gandhi Road (Esplanade) Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 3rd day of November, 1949.

A. H. KIRTIKAR.
Commissioner. 6700

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION
Suit No. 1509 of 1946

THE INTERNATIONAL BANK OF INDIA LTD. ..Plaintiffs.
versus
KHURSHED D. ANKLESARIA and others ..... Defendants

PURSUANT to the Decree Absolute for Sale, made in the above Suit and bearing date the 25th day of June, 1947, the following immovable property will be sold by Public Auction by the Commissioner of this Honourable Court at his Office in the Court House on MONDAY, the 16th January, 1950 at the hour 4 P.M. (S.T.)

PARTICULARS

All that piece of land together with buildings and servants quarters standing thereon and situate at Gundavli, Bandra and admeasuring 1377 square yards or thereabouts and bearing Old Survey No. 22 Pot Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 16 and the non-agricultural Survey No. 22C of Old No. 20 and the buildings bearing Parle Andheri Municipal House Nos. 191 Kurla Road (Old N.A.V. No. 193).

N.B.—The property is known as "Roxy House" and is situate on the Kurla Road between Andheri Station and Marol.

For further particulars and conditions of Sale application should be made at the Office of the said Commissioner or at the Office of Messrs. MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN, Attorneys for the Plaintiffs abovenamed at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, Bombay.

Dated this 7th day of November, 1949.

(Sd|) A. H. KIRTIKAR,
Commissioner. 6701

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE OF GOVERNMENT.
ASSOCIATION OF PEDIATRICIANS OF INDIA.

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 26 of the Indian Companies Act 1913, application has been made to the Government of Bombay for a Licence directing that an Association about to be formed under the name of "The Association of Pediatricians of India" shall be registered with limited liability without addition of the word "Limited" to its name.

2. The principal objects for which the Association is proposed to be established are:—

(1) To encourage and advance the knowledge, study and practice of the Science of Pediatrics in all possible ways.
(2) To encourage research including experimental work in the science of Pediatrics.
(3) To provide instruction and education to deserving persons in the science of Pediatrics.

3. The other objects of the Association are set out in EXTENSO in the Memorandum of Association a copy of which may be inspected at the office of Messrs. Captain and Vaidya, Solicitors 121, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person, Company, firm or Corporation objecting to this application may bring such objections before the Government of Bombay on or before the 26th day of January, 1950, by a letter addressed to the Secretary to the Government of Bombay, Finance Department.

Dated this 24th day of December, 1949.

CAPTAIN & VAIDYA
Attorneys-at-Law 6710

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF VERY VALUABLE IMMOVEABLE PROPERTY AT MAHIM BAZAR CROSS ROAD NO. 2.

Messrs. GANDHI & Co., will under instructions from Messrs. Kantilal & Co., Attorneys, for the Vendor, sell by Public Auction the undermentioned immoveable property on Monday, 9-1-50 at 4 p.m (S. T.) on the premises.

SCHEDULE.

All that piece of land of Pension and Tax Tenure (since redeemed) with buildings and structures standing thereon situate at Mahim Bazar Cross Road No. 2 admeasuring about 175 sq. yds., bearing New No. A1/3893 and New Survey No. A1/30 and Cadastral Survey No. 732 of Mahim Division and Municipal G Ward No. 5486 (1) and Street No. 71 and bounded on the North, South and East by Oart of Laxmidas Karsondas and on West by Mahim Bazar Cross Road No. 2.

For further particulars to Messrs. Kantilal & Co., Solicitors at 46 Churchgate Street, Fort, or to us.

GANDHI & CO.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHRISTMAS

AUCTION SALE of very valuable Real Jewellery set with Genuine Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Pearls etc., tomorrow, on Sunday, the 25th instant at 10 a.m. (S.T.) at the Grand Show of Vera Studio, Churchgate Reclamation, "Chateau Windsor" (Next to Post Office) under instruction from Sheth J. B. Bhagwandas and others. Jewellery on view from 1 to 5 p.m. at above place for inspection. The PRESIDENCY AUCTION CO., Auctioneers.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE TOMORROW (SUNDAY) at 10-30 a.m. Property of S. Miller Esqr. and others at Babulal Mansion Chowpatty Seaface of complete household and office furniture, steel almirah inside safe, typewriter, cabinet type singer foot machine, safe, Coscor radio, musical box, 12, Eng.-vono-mattress-beds, dining, writing and dressing table, show case, chesterfield, soonda almirah, bed, partition, gramophone large hall carpets, etc. (S. Tax) T. 40213, EASTERN AUCTION CO.

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For enrolment and further particulars write to:

THE HEALTH GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT
..IVERSAL HEALTH INSTITUTE.
MENKWA BUILDING,
Outram Road, Fort,
BOMBAY. 1.

Distributor for Bombay
MARCONI ENGINEERING CO.
15, Apollo Street, Fort, Bombay
For unrepresented areas write to Manufacturers

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36/1, Bahir Guru Road,
CALCUTTA. 18

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CITY & SUBURBS

Today

Hindu: Posh Shud 5, 2006
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 3, 1369
Parsi: Tir 23, 1319
Sunrise: 7-9 a.m.
Sunset: 6-8 p.m.
Hightide: 03-09, 15-04
Lowtide: 09-32, 20-47.

Domestic Occurrence

UTHAMNA CEREMONY

Sir Mathuradas Vasanji expired peacefully on Thursday, 22nd instant at 3-50 p.m. "Uthamna" ceremony on Sunday, 25th December, 1949 at 3-40 p.m. (S.T.) at his Andheri residence.

Today's Engagements

EDUCATIONAL FILMS OF INDIA: Film shorts on the Common Cold and Other Ailments, 91 Walkeshwar Road, 7 p.m.

U S I S: Fima shorts on Christmas and cartoons, at USIS Library, Adelphi, Churchgate, 5-45 p.m. (Open to public, passes obtainable from receptionist at the Library).

SANSKAR MANDAL: Prof. P. A. Wadia will speak on "Our Educational System", Blavatsky Lodge, near Opera House, 6 p.m.

BOMBAY AUTOMOBILE EMPLOYEES' UNION: Magic show by Gogia Pasha, Peoples Hall, Grant Road, 7 p.m.

SANE GAURAV DIN SAMITI: Meeting to celebrate 50th birthday of Sane Guruji at Shivaji Park at 5-30 p.m.

VILE PARLE SAHITYA SABHA: Sri Moolraj Anjaria will speak in Gujarati on the "Memorials to the Living Literatures" at 8-30 p.m. at the Rashtriya Shala, Gandhi Chowk, Bajaj Road, Vile Parle.

Increase In B.B. & C.I. Rly. Earnings

BOMBAY, Friday.

The actual gross earnings of the B. B. and C. I. Railway (excluding worked lines) from April 1 to the end of August, 1949, amounted to Rs. 1319.46 lakhs, as compared with Rs. 1163.44 lakhs for the corresponding period of 1948, thus showing an increase of Rs. 156.02 lakhs.

The actual gross earnings of the B. B. and C. I. Railway (including worked lines) from April 1, to the end of August 1949 amounted to Rs. 1350.14 lakhs, the working expenses to Rs. 718.43 lakhs, and the net earnings to Rs. 631.71 lakhs.

Similar figures for the corresponding period of last year were Rs. 1194.37 lakhs, Rs. 705.96 lakhs and Rs. 488.41 lakhs, respectively. The net earnings for the period upto the end of August, 1949, therefore, showed an increase of Rs. 143.30 lakhs as compared with the corresponding period of 1948.

Bombay "Flag Day" Collections

BOMBAY, Friday.

A sum of Rs. 26,250 was collected in Bombay during the 'Flag Day' celebrations on December 7. it is learnt today.

The amount will be sent to Army Headquarter, Delhi, for the aid of Country's disabled ex-servicemen and their dependents.

City Women Donate To Andhra Relief Fund

BOMBAY, Friday.

A sum of Rs. 1,000 has been donated to the Andhra Cyclone Relief Fund, by the United Women's Organisation of Bombay, representing 90 women's organisations.

Rani Maharaj Singh, is the President of the U. W. O.

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Asoka Mehta On Steel Workers' Strike

BOMBAY, Friday.

Asoka Mehta, General Secretary, Hind Mazdoor Sabha, has issued the following statement:

"Recent developments in Jamshedpur, particularly in connection with the strike of 2,500 workers of the Indian Steel and Wire Products Co., are causing deep concern. The attitude of the Government in the strike fills one with indignation and despair. "The strike has been going on for the last 72 days. It has been a peaceful strike, unique in the history of Jamshedpur, and it has succeeded in mobilising behind the Union the united support of the workers.

"The Union had suggested that its demands be referred to adjudication. The Government, that treats arbitration in industrial disputes as the sheetanchor of its labour policy, has consistently refused to accede to this reasonable suggestion of the Union.

Against such a policy, detrimental not only to labour and to the nation, both to the very institution of fair play in administration, enlightened public opinion must assert itself. Through such an assertion justice should be brought to the Jamshedpur workers by referring their dispute to an Industrial Tribunal, even at this late hour."

MISSING MAN WANTED

K. BALARAM, Age 22,

Your family are eagerly waiting to see you. Now staying at Star of Cochin Hindu Hotel, Near Dadar Post Office.

If anybody give information. He will be suitably rewarded.

P. K. RAMACHANDRAM,
I. M. D. Pharmacy.
Vizagapatam.

Dispute For Arbitration

BOMBAY, Friday.

The industrial dispute between the Shapurji Maneckji Kotwal Dye and Bleach Works, Bombay, and its workers has been referred for arbitration to the Industrial Court.

CONTROL ON COTTON HAS FAILED

Purshotamdas's Plea For Planned Policy

BOMBAY, Friday.

Government control on cotton had proved a failure, and it was "mere self-deception not to acknowledge this", said Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, speaking at the 28th annual general meeting of the East India Cotton Association here today.

The supply position of cotton and the general economic conditions in the country, he said, had not improved during the last year. The Association had been requesting the Government of India since as far back as September 1946 to lay down a well thought out policy regarding the acreage to be put under cotton, the quantity and quality of export of cotton from India, and the quantity and quality to be allowed to be imported into India, "but Government do not appear to take any serious notice of the need for the same."

LOSS OF POSITION

The position had so deteriorated by March 1949, when Government announced their policy regarding export of cotton, that "the Government found themselves driven not only to cut India away from its once eminent position in the international field for cotton supply, but also to make India an anxious buyer for raw cotton—a situation unparallelled during the last half a century and more."

The pace at which the production of cotton in India had been reduced and the dependence on foreign cotton increased was 'alarming', and it was gratifying that at a conference in Bombay of Agricultural Ministers last month the Government had decided to increase the production of cotton during next year by five lakhs of bales. The details of the plan were not yet known, and, Sir Purshotamdas said, "it is sincerely to be hoped that this decision will not remain merely a paper decision."

The cultivator would not find it worth his while to grow more cotton with the controls as at present unless sufficient impetus was given to him.

ONLY SUCCESS

Sharply criticising cotton control, Sir Purshotamdas said, its "only success has been to help create a virtual famine of cotton in the country."

The fact that mills were keen to buy cotton in the form of kapas at prices much above the ceiling rates and still sell profitably cloth at controlled prices either in India or in the export market "proves the futility on price contol of cotton."

Warming up, Sir Purshotamdas asked, "are the Government following any scientific method in arriving at the ceiling prices of cotton? Why should Indian cotton be made to sell at substantially below the world level of cotton prices, and at the same time India go to the world's producers of cotton for supplies at considerably higher prices?"

Referring to the plight of the middle and lower middle classes which "continue to be ground down to the utmost limit of their bearing power", Sir Purshotamdas said, "it is hardly excusable for any Government to look on, with complacency, such a situation which threatens to turn into a major problem requiring to be tackled by the Government in the near future"

Amendment To Drugs Control Order

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay has issued an order amending further the Schedule to the Bombay Drugs Control Order, 1949. Copies of the order, which have been published in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary of December 22, 1949, can be obtained from the Government Book Depot, Charni Road, Bombay.

Gilbert & Sullivan Opera In City

Gilbert and Sullivan's "Iolanthe" will be coming to Bombay, thanks to the special permission given by the D'Oyly Carte Opera Company. It will be in the form of a concert performance with the music sung and played in its entirety, while the sequence will be maintained by a narrative. It is being held under the auspices of the B.W.A. whose charity fund, it is hoped would benefit. The dates are: Wednesday, January 4 and Thursday January 5 in the University Convocation Hall.

The cast includes eleven principals and a chorus of fifty who will be accompanied by an orchestra of twenty The singers have been augmented by a few members of the Madrigal Singers.

The Pulse Of The City

FATAL JUMP: A delirious patient in the K.E.M. Hospital jumped out of the second floor window in the hospital to his death. This is the fourth such occurrence reported from the hospital.

EXTORTION: Brij Bhushavlal, alias Khalil, a man with 13 convictions was sentenced to a year's imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 300, in default to suffer six more months' jail, on a charge of accepting Rs. 50 as illegal gratification for paying a Policeman. It was alleged by the complainant, Pandurang Demoo Shirsat, that when he came to Bombay and alighted at the Dadar Railway station he was spotted by the accused who told a policeman about him and got him arrested. The complainant had served a term of imprisonment. After some time, the accused told him that if he paid the policeman a sum of Rs. 100 the proceedings will be dropped. The complainant told the police about it and the accused was arrested after he had accepted Rs. 50. In giving a deterrent sentence to the accused the magistrate said: "The case throws a flood of light as to how some of the police informants in Bombay not merely help the police by giving information as to crimes committed and about to be committed but extend their activities to extort monies from poor persons or persons who, because once convicted, stand in perpetual fear of being externed from the city."

THEY ALSO RISE: An Inspector of the Bombay Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was arrested on the verandah of the Andheri Police Court, Friday, on the charge of accepting illegal gratification from a bullock cart driver. The driver said that he used to give the Inspector five rupees every month, but he was driven out of business when the Inspector allegedly increased it to Rs. 10 a mouth "as the cost of living had gone up."

TURNS TURTLE: All twelve occupants of a lorry, including the driver (who lost control of the vehicle) were injured when the vehicle turned turtle while it was proceeding along Reay Road. The driver wanted to avoid running over a pedestrian crossing the road.

CONTRAVENED: Mr. Nagindas Purshottam Patel, Managing Director of N. Nagindas and Co. Ltd., was arrested on a charge of contravening the Rent Control Act. He was released on bail.

"GUILTY" Ushiulla Nashiulla, a hawker was found guilty of using four food grain ration cards while the holders were out of Bombay. He was sentenced to three months' R.I. and fined Rs. 200.

VICTORIAS OFF: Victorias are to be abolished in four areas of the city-Cumballa Hill, Malabar Hill, Colaba and Gamdevi from January 1. Victoria owners are upset with the police proposal.

CASHIER ACQUITTED: A cashier of the Elphinstone Mills Limited, Bombay, Mr. S. A. Nadkarni was acquitted of the charge of abetment and forgery in connection with the cashing of a cheque on the Indian Overseas Bank. It was said that the amount mentioned on the cheque was a much smaller one, but that it was defaced and cashed.

LEADEN TRICK: A 30-year-old man from the south, Tirumal Venkatachalam, was arrested by the police for putting pieces of lead into the slot machine for selling platform tickets. A head constable was observing-Venkatachalam putting the pieces and he was caught red-handed with thirteen pieces of lead and two tickets on his person. When the machine was examined, there were 98 pieces inside. The device adopted, it is reported, was an ingenious one.

RETRENCHMENT LIKELY: It is learnt that the Bombay Port Trust is contemplating a 25 per cent retrenchment of the total strength. The axe, it is felt will fall more heavily on the clerical staff.

GOVERNOR'S VISIT: Words of cheer were addressed by the Governor to the inmates of the Dadar School for the Blind. Acrobatic feats performed by the inmates won the governor's approbation. The Governor disclosed that he had received a cheque for Rs. 5,000 from the "8-30" club as donation to be given away to an institution for the blind.

DEAD: Mr. S. N. Srinivasa Iyer, father-in-law of Mr. A. S. Bharatan, General Manager P.T.I. died at Mr. Bharatan's residence Friday after a short illness. He was 77.

Showers Likely In E. Punjab

WEATHER REPORT

POONA, Dec. 23 (PTI)—The following is the weather summary for Friday

Weather has been dry over the country.

Night temperatures were appreciably below normal in Assam, West Bengal and Bihar and appreciably above normal in Orissa Vindya Pardesh and the East Central Provinces.

Forecast valid until Saturday evening. Weather will be dry over the country except for isolated light showers in the hills of the East Punjab and of the west United Provinces and in the extreme south of the peninsula.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from Dec. 1 and departure from normal recorded at 8 a.m. on Friday.

Abu 65 49 0 0 minus 0.1, Ahmedabad 83 58 0 0 0, Ahmednagar 88 50 0 0 minus 0.2, Bangalore 79 56 0 0 minus 0.4, Baroda 82 49 0 0 0, Belgaum 84 51 0 0 minus 0.2, BOMBAY 82 65 0 0 minus 0.1, Calcutta 80 51 0 0 minus 0.2, Darjeeling 42 33 0 0.4 plus 0.1, Delhi 73 41 0 0 minus 0.3, Hyderabad (Dn). 85 56 0 0 minus 0.3, Jubbulpore—54 0 0 minus 0.3, Kolhapur 87 52 0 0 — Lucknow 73 41 0 0 minus 02, Madras 83 66 0 0 minus 4.6, Madura 86 70 0 0 minus 1.4, Mahabaleshwar 77 60 0 0 minus 0.3, Mussorrie 53 38 0 0.4 minus 0.6, Nagpur 85 53 0 0 minus 0.3, Negapatam 82 73 0 0.1, minus 8.7, Nellore 86 64 0 0 minus 2.2, Ootacamund 72 35 0 0 minus 1.4, Patiala 72 40 0 0.3 —, Patna 75 48 0 0 minus 0.2, Poona 89 47 0 0 minus 0.1, Rajkot 81 53 0 0 minus 0.1, Shillong 59 36 0 0.1 minus 0.1, Sholapur 89 56 0 0 minus 0.4, Simla 49 36 0 0.6 minus 0.3, Surat 87 58 0 0 0.

Premier Kher To Tour Adivasi Areas

BOMBAY, Friday: Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, will tour some adivasi areas of Thana district on December 25 and 26. The Premier who will leave Bombay on his tour on the morning of Sunday, will inaugurate the Kasturba Maternity Home and the Adivasi Girls' Hostel, at Mokhada, and pay visits to the Harijan Ashram at Bhiwandi and the Adivasi Hostel at Khodala, the same day. In the evening, he will address a public meeting at Jawahar.

On Monday, Mr. Kher will visit the Sarvodaya centre at Kasa and perform the opening ceremony of the Girls' Hostel at Jawahar and return to Bombay in the evening.

No New Slaughter House Near Thana

BOMBAY, Friday: As the existing slaughter house at Bandra attracts a large number of vultures, which cause interference to aeroplanes arriving at and taking off from, the Santa Cruz aerodrome, a proposal to shift it to a distant site somewhere near Thana Creek is being considered by the Government of Bombay. However, there is no proposal to open a new slaughter house near Thana as apprehended by some members of the public.

TODAY'S RADIO

Air News From Delhi

SATURDAY, Dec. 24.

English—8 a.m., 1-30 p.m. 6, 9; Gujerati—9-45 a.m., 1 p.m., 8-15; Hindustani 8-15 a.m. 1-40 p.m., 6-10, 9-15; Kannada—7-45 a.m., Malayalam—7-30 a.m., 7-30 p.m.; Marathi—8-30 a.m., 12-50 p.m., 8; Tamil 7-15 a.m., 2 p.m., 7-15; Telugu—7 am., 1-50 p.m., 7.

BOMBAY

7-30 a.m. Bhor Bhaee, 7-35 Physical education, 7-40 Today's programme, 7-45 A Pandya, geet, 8-15 S. N. Ratanjankar, khyal b. todi. 12-45 p.m. Tantrakari, 12-50 A. Pandya, ghazal, 1-10 Bhajan, garba, 1-40 X'mas post bag. 5-0 G. Karnad, Hari kalpana. 5-15 Master Ibrahim, clarionet, 5-30 Children's programme, 6-10 Mandolin, 6-20 G. Karnad, thumri, 6-30 Theory and practice of music, 7-0 Day's topic, 7-10 Locals, 7-20 G. Karnad, kedara, 7-30 S. K. Abhyankar, khyal malashri, 7-45 For industrial workers, 9-15 Master Ibrahim, clarionet, 9-30 Film music. 9-45 S. Keshyap, current films review, 9-55 Anything goes, 10-0 X'mas eve.

VARIATIONS—8-0 a.m. Master Ibrahim, clarionet, 8-45 V. Gat, songs, 1-0 p.m. V. Gat, bhavgeet, 1-30 Bhajan, garba, 1-50 Variety Programme, 6-0 Bhavgeet (K), 6-20 For rural listeners, 7-30 Commercial News, 8-15 V Gat, vocal, 8-30 Listeners' letters' replies (H), 8-40 Musical interlude, 8-45 B. Kudtarkar's "Kajeedalali", 9-0 Folk Songs. 10-0 Amar sangeet ka kalakar.

BARODA

7-30 a.m. Vandana, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 D. H. Vimadalal, hindol, 8-15 G. Thakore, snehrashmi, 8-30 Geet Lahari, 5-30 p.m. Potkar and Shinde's violin duet, 5-40 Mixed Melodies, 6-10 R. Bhoi, bansi, 6-20 As in Ahmedabad, 6-30 For rural listeners, 7-0 Film music, 7-15 R. Bhoi, bansi, 7-30 G. Thakore, bhajan, 7-45 A. Hussein, thumri, 8-0 Juthika Ray, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 D. H. Vimadalal, bahar, 9-15 G. R. Kamat's "Shynya Jagat".

AHMEDABAD

7-30 a.m. As in Baroda, 7-40 Physical education, 7-45 As in Baroda, 8-15 Mixed music, 8-30 Suhasini Redij, pads, 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda, 6-20 S. Redij, bhajan, 6-30 For industrial workers, 7-0 Rag Jait, 7-15 As in Baroda, 7-30 Film music, 7-45 Listeners' letters' replies, 8-0 Khamaj thumri, 8-10 Locals, 8-30 As in Baroda, 9-15 As in Baroda.

B. B. C.

SATURDAY, Dec. 24.

B.B.C. News Schedule and Metre Bands: 6-30 a.m.—31 and 41: 8-30—31 and 41; 9-30—31; 11-30—19 and 25; 12-30 p.m.—13 and 19; 4-30—13 and 16; 6-30—13 and 16 9-30—19 and 31

GENERAL OVERSEAS SERVICE:

6-45 a.m. Christmas Roses for St. Martha. 7-0 Take it From Here. 7-30 The Mother and the Child. 8 Music Magazine. 8-15 World Affairs. 8-45 Music for Dancing. 10-2 Carols and Festive Songs. 10-30 Twenty Questions. 11 Sports Review. 11-15 Listeners' Choice. 11-45 Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. 12-45 Listeners' Choice. 1-30 Paul Temple And The Madison Mystery. 2 Ray's A Laugh. 2-30 Handel's Messiah. 3-30 Ethel Revnell in Solitaire. 4 Harry Roy and his Band. 4-45 Accordeon Interlude. 5 Generally Speaking. 5-45 Listeners' Choice. 6-45 Gala Concert. 7-45 Opera Orchestra and Chorus. 8-45 From The Children's Hour. 9-15 Sandy's Christmas Greetings. 9-45 The Montmartre Players. 10 Meet the Commonwealth. 10-30 Carols (sung by The Choir of Torquay Grammar School).

EASTERN SERVICE:

7-30 p.m. How it Works. 8 Bachchon ke Liye. 8-30 Bichitra.

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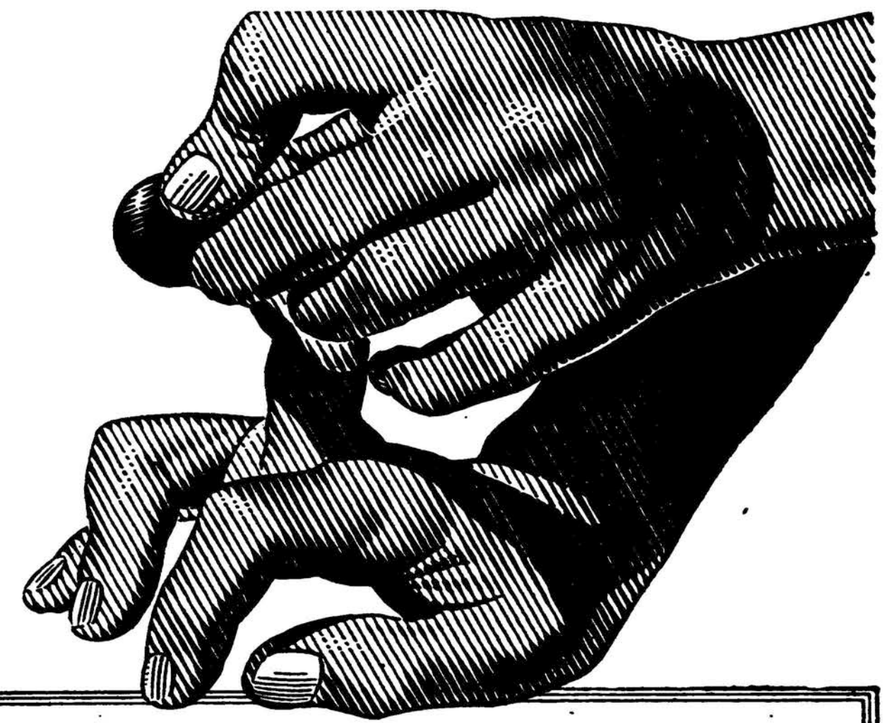
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B. P. C. C. ASKED TO PAY RIOT TAX

Applications Rejected

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two applications made this morning, by Mr. K. K. Shah, on behalf of Mr. Ganpati Shankar N. Desai, General Secretary of the B.P.C.C., for exemption from the Riot Tax, were both rejected by Mr. Oscar H. Brown, Chief Presidency Magistrate.

The applications were in respect of the "immovable properties known as the Congress House" and the People's Jinnah Hall Memorial Trust who hold the property of that name.

The amounts payable by the two are Rs. 1,827 and Rs. 331/4 respectively. The exemptions asked for were refused.

The first application stated that the "B.P.C.C. is a public institution which believes in the creed of non-violence and had always done its best to stop riots and to preserve peace in Bombay".

The second application claimed that the "Jinnah Hall is a charitable public institution and the income is used for charitable purposes without any distinction of caste or creed".

Rejecting the applications, the Magistrate observed that riots, being a disgrace to all, everyone must pay for it. He had only exempted hospitals, Municipal Government and Railway buildings only, not even charitable buildings.

He sympathised with the B.P.C.C., in the matter, but felt that everyone must shoulder the burden.

The Magistrate explained the exemption given to Government buildings, on the ground that riots which undermined the Government in power, entailed increased expenses for Government.

The applications were rejected.

KUMBHA MELA IN VRINDABAN

Appeal For Funds

Swami Prajnanananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, P.O. Vrindaban Dt. Mathura (U.P.), writes:

"Hallowed by the blessed association of Bhagwan Sri Krishna, Vrindaban has been, for ages past, one of the greatest pilgrim centres of India.

There will be Kumbha Mela in Vrindaban early next year. This will last for about two months, beginning from the middle of January, 1950. Pilgrims in lakhs will visit at that time and have their cherished baths in the sacred waters of the Jamuna. The dates for important baths are as follows:—

23-1-50 Sri Panchami, 21-1-50 Makari Saptami, 29-1-50 Jayabhaimi Ekadasi (according to Goswamy), 30-1-50 Jayabhaimi Ekadasi (according to Nimbarkits), 2-2-50 Purnima, 12-2-50 Magh Sankranti, 13-2-50 Vijaya and Trispishan Mahadvadashi, 15-2-50 Shiva Chaturdashi.

"The Ramakrishna Mission Sevashram, Vrindaban, is a charitable hospital with 55 indoor beds, fully equipped with up-to-date medical appliances. Ever since its inception in 1907, it has been rendering free medical service to thousands of pilgrims as well as to a very large number of its inhabitants and to those of the surroundings areas. The Management of this Sevashram are fully alive to the greater demands on their services which will result from Vrindaban being the site of this big Kumbha mela, and they are eager to rise equal to the occasion.

"This useful institution is now passing through a great financial crisis due mainly to abnormal cost of foodstuffs and fall in donations. The General Fund of this institution which is meant for its normal maintenance expenditure is now completely exhausted, and the management have been compelled to take a loan of Rs. 10,000 to meet the maintenance expenditure of the current year. In the face of this grave financial position, they are at a loss to know how to undertake further medical relief during the coming Kumbha Mela, unless sufficient funds are placed at their disposal by the public in due time. At least 40 extra beds will have to be provided and the outdoor dispensary will have to be further equipped, if they are to meet the situation according to their desired plan. A sum of Rs. 15,000 is required for this purpose.

"We, therefore earnestly appeal to the generous public to kindly come forward to help us in this noble cause. We are sure that the public will understand that an institution which is running at a deficit cannot satisfactorily shoulder added responsibilities. We, therefore, trust that a total sum of Rs. 25,000 will soon be forthcoming from the sympathetic public. All contributions either in cash or in kind, may be sent to the address given at the outset of this appeal."

DACOIT SHOOTS DEAD RAJKOT CONSTABLE

RAJKOT, Dec. 23 (PTI).—One police constable was shot dead yesterday evening in an encounter between a police party and a gang of dacoits in the hill area near Chakhadi, near Gondal, according to reports reaching here.

The police party was chasing the leader of the gang, Bhupat, who had killed three policemen a few days ago.

COIR MATTINGS ON U. K.'s O. G. L.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI): The U. K. Board of Trade have placed the import of coir mattings and orassware on the O.G.L., the Ministry of Commerce announced yesterday. The import of coir mats is restricted to 100 per cent by volume of the average annual imports during 1937 to 1939.

PROF. S. R. DAVAR PASSES AWAY

Founder Principal Of College

The Bombay Chronicle regrets to announce the death of Prof. Sohrab R. Davar, founder and principal of the Davar's College of Commerce, which occurred at his residence in Bombay, this morning. He was 70 years old and was in indifferent health for the last fortnight.

The late Prof. Davar was a pioneer of commercial education in the city and was responsible for building up the career and character of hundreds of students who passed out of his College during the last fifty years. Born on June 16, 1879 he had a bright academic career and went to England in 1907 for higher studies in law. He was called to the bar in 1910, and on his return to Bombay was enrolled as an advocate on the original side of the Bombay High Court. He was the first Indian to pass the Society of the Incorporated Accountants' Examination and the examination of the Chartered Institute of Secretaries of Public Joint Stock Companies.

Though an advocate by profession, Prof. Davar was keenly interested in the growth of commercial education in the city, which he made his life mission in after years. He founded the Davar's College of "Commerce", Law and Economics" as early as December 1900 and was its principal till his death. He was a Fellow of the Senate and a member of the Board of Studies in Commerce of the University of Bombay. He was also connected with several commercial-education bodies in the city.

The late Prof. Davar was has been an elected member of the Bombay Legislative Council since 1936. He was also the president of the Shareholders' Association till recently. He was a'so a member of the Bombay Municipal Corporation and was on its Standing Committee for some time. He leaves his widow, two sons and a daughter.

Christmas Dance Orders Revised

BOMBAY, Friday.

Orders regarding the holding of dances in restaurants and eating houses during the coming Christmas have been revised by the Government of Bombay. They have now been allowed to remain open till 4 a.m. for the purpose of holding such dances only on any two days from December 24 to January 1.

THEY THAT HELP THEMSELVES

Temporary Structure For Crippled Children

BOMBAY, Friday.

A simple "excavation ceremony" of the temporary structure of the Society for the Rehabilitation of Disabled and Crippled Children was performed today by a batch of 10 children.

The ceremony was done by the disabled children aided by volunteers at a new piece of land allotted to the Society at the Haji Ali Park opposite Willingdon Club, Mahalaxmi.

Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister of Bombay who was among a large distinguished gathering distributed sweet meats and baloons to about 100 disabled children who were present to witness the ceremony.

Mrs. Fathema Ismail, Hon. Secretary of the Society speaking on the occasion briefly outlined the history of the Society and thanked the donors who helped the cause of crippled children.

NO GRANTS TO CHARITY TRUSTS

BOMBAY, Friday.

The Government of Bombay would not extend any financial assistance to communal Charity Trusts, Mr. Morarji Desai, Home Minister, told a deputation of Trusts who met him today at the Secretariat.

The deputation which was led by Sir Cowasji Jehangir, pressed for the restoration of grants-in-aid to the Trusts which were withheld by Government from last year.

The Home Minister refused to accede to their request pointing out that Government would give assistance only to Trusts of a cosmopolitan character.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir told pressmen that the Trusts were serving the poor and helpless people in the matter of education medical treatment and housing. He said that there was nothing wrong for communal Trusts serving the interests of any particular community. He said that when exemption from the payment of immovable property tax was withdrawn from Charity Trusts, Government came to their help by giving grants-in-aid. He saw no reason why Government should now withdraw the assistance.

CANDIDATES FOR C. A By-ELECTION

Twelve Selected

BOMBAY, Friday: Selection of candidates for the by-election to the Constituent Assembly, from Bombay was made at a meeting between Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, and the Presidents and representatives of the three Provincial Congress Committees of Bombay ,Maharashtra and Gujerat at the Premier's residence this morning.

It is understood that, out of the 12 candidates selected for nomination, two are representatives of the merged States areas, the last date of nominations is December 27.

The names of the candidates will be announced as soon as the selected nominees signify their assent.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST OF OVER RS. 8 LAKHS

Charges Framed Against Mill Agent

BOMBAY, Friday.

Charges were framed by Rao Saheb C. B. Velkar, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Court against Ramgopal Ganpatrai Ruia, Managing Agent and Harprasad G. Gupta, Manager respectively of the Dhanraj Mills, who were arrested by the Bombay C.I.D. some time ago for alleged criminal breach of trust involving over Rs. 8 lacs.

Mr. C. N. Kaunga, Special Police Prosecutor, after consultation with the Legal Remembrancer, Government of Bombay, has applied to the High Court for a revision order against some of the charges framed by the Magistrate, on the ground that these are faulty and illegal. The case against the Secretary of the Mill, Mr. Mulla Feroze was discharged.

It was alleged that between September and December 1945 the accused made bogus purchases of 3,719 bales of cotton which were not received at the Mills. The accused are stated to have issued bearer cheques to non-existent merchants. The cheques were cashed at the Bank of India in Rs. 1,000 notes, which the police traced and which ran into several lacs of rupees.

The bales alleged to have been purchased were entered in the books of the mills as having been sold, and the proceeds of the sales put into the bank. The numbers of the notes were traced to the account of Ramgopal Ganpatrai. Some of the notes in identical numbers were traced to the Netherlands Trading Society, for the purchase of diamonds for Ramgopal from Tel Aviv, Palestine and South Africa.

The prosecution also alleged that the 3719 bales were not declared to the Textile Commissioner as required by the textile rules.

Another case in which the same accused are being prosecuted under the Demonetisation Ordinance for alleged false declaration in respect of Rs. 2,76,000, which is also being heard by the same Magistrate, was postponed.

NEED TO FEED US INTEREST IN US

Shiva Rao's Plea To Government

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B. Shiva Rao, member of the Indian Delegation to the United Nations General Assembly, said, in an interview, here today that "something must be done by our Government to maintain and feed the interest" which the people of America had taken in India, following the Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's visit recently.

Mr. Shiva Rao returned to Bombay this afternoon along with the Jam Saheb of Nawanagar and Prof. M. Mujeed, the other members of the delegation.

The esteem in which India was held by the other members of the United Nations was reflected in the elections to the various committees whose membership the delegation sought, Mr. Shiva Rao said. Not only was India elected to all the three, namely, the Security Council, the Special Committee on Non-self-Governing Territories and the Administrative Tribunal but her delegates secured the highest votes in the ballots.

"In building up such a position for ourselves", Mr. Shiva Rao added, "the personality of the Prime Minister has, of course, been a great factor. His recent visit to the United States had an enormous effect on the American people and greatly stimulated their interest in India and her problems. Something must be done by our Government to maintain and feed that interest.

While the Prime Minister's personality and statesmanship have earned the deep respect and affection of the American people, there is also wide spread appreciation of the outstanding achievement of the Deputy Prime Minister in handling and settling the problems of the princely States."

REVELLERS TO MAKE BEST OF LAST WET X'MAS

Liquor Mart, Provisioners And Tailors Doing Roaring Business

BOMBAY, Friday.

This being the last wet Christmas in Bombay, city Christians and others who believe in the revelry that accompanies this festive season invaded Bombay's liquor marts, and, it is learnt that these have been virtually emptied and many a cellar is adequately replenished for the jollity that will be witnessed in the city during the Christmas week.

Provision stores are reported to have had a roaring business from Christmas shoppers. Imported cold turkey, other varieties of fowl and luscious delicacies, tinned as well as fresh, were bought by eager purchasers who were laying out a handsome fare for the ensuing festivities.

Dress-makers and tailoring establishments were seen working overtime and burning midnight oil during the last fortnight to satisfy a large clientele which, shortage of money or not, had to have its Christmas gown or suit. Similarly toy shops and bakeries did a brisk business, the former selling thousands of rupees' worth of toys and the latter selling cakes literally as the old proverb goes, "like hot cakes". This, in spite of the acute shortage of sugar. Fancy icing-dressed cakes, however were a rare sight, and wherever they were available one had to pay through the nose.

Most people this year had to be contented with apologies for cakes made out of jaggery as the genuine sugar-made cake was simply an impossibility thanks to the sugar muddle. Fruit vendors also reaped a rich harvest.

Silk socks and shoes were also bought by the rich and the poor alike to brighten a Christmas which, but for these small mercies would be a dismal affair in these days.

GROWING FOODCROPS IN URBAN AREAS

Assistance To Private Individuals

BOMBAY, Friday.

A scheme for the supply of containers, soil, compost and manure mixture for growing vegetables and other foodcrops in urban areas by private persons and authorities in charge of schools, college hostels, hospitals, etc., has been sanctioned by the Government of Bombay for 20 cities and towns in the Province. They are Bombay city and Suburban District, Poona, Ahmedabad, Baroda, Kolhapur, Hubli, Dharwar, Belgaum, Nasik, Surat, Broach, Satara, Sangli, Ahmednagar, Dhulia, Jalgaon, Thana, Sholapur and Bijapur.

Persons intending to grow vegetables, foodcrops, etc., may contact the District Agricultural Officers concerned in the districts and the Director of Parks and Gardens in Bombay City for obtaining containers, soil and manure, which will be supplied to them at cost price.

EDUCATION IN THANA DISTRICT

Heavy Responsiblity Lies On Parents' Heads

(From Our Correspondent)

KALYAN, Dec. 23.

Mr. L. R. Reddy, Administrative Officer, Thana District School Board has issued the following statement for the information of the general public regarding the Government's Compulsory Education Scheme:—

Mr. Reddy says in his statement that compulsory education in almost all the schools of the Thana District has been introduced, and for its successful working, full co-operation of the parents of the children is quite necessary. The parents of the children will be held responsible for not sending their children to the schools and also for their regular attendance. Those parents who fail in this respect will be liable to prosecution, and, accordingly, all Taluka Mamlatdars have been instructed to deal with the complaints in their respective Talukas.

The District Collector has passed orders giving permission to the School Board authorities to prosecute such parents and put them before Courts of Law. The School Board authorities request the parents of the school-going children in the district not to give chance for complaint against them, and send their children to schools and thus give full co-operation.

2 CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM PATIALA JAIL

PATIALA, Dec. 23 (PTI).—Two convicts and an undertrial prisoner have escaped from the Patiala Central Jail, it was officially stated here today.

The undertrial prisoner was concerned in a dacoity and murder while one of the convicts was undergoing life imprisonment.

Bombay Head Masters To Meet Today

NASIK, Dec. 23 (PTI).—The Bombay Provincial Federation of Head Masters Associations will meet in a conference for two days here from Saturday, Dec. 24. Mr. J. R. Desai, Principal of "Vidya Vihar", Ahmedabad, will preside over the conference.

Drastic Cuts In Madras Expenditure

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (UPI).—Drastic cuts in the expenditure both in revenue and capital heads of accounts have been effected by the Madras Government. This was disclosed by Mr. B Gopala Reddy, Finance Minister, replying to a question in the Madras Council today.

IRRIGATION BY TUBE WELLS IN KANPUR

Scheme Submitted To U.P.

KANPUR, Dec. 23 (PTI): The Kanpur Rural Dveiopment Association has submitted a scheme to the U.P. Government whereby 23,000 acres of land will be irrigated in Kanpur district by the construction of 18 tube wells by a team of American technical experts.

The scheme is expected to cost approximately Rs. 4,50,000.

According to the scheme 6,000 acres of land will be irrigated in Kanpur tehsil, 4,000 in Bilhore tehsil, 5,000 in Derapur tehsil, 3,000 in Puzhrasan, 5,000 in Akbarpur and 400 acres in Ghatampur tehsils.

EFFECTING UNITY AMONG SIKHS

E. Punjab Premier Calls Conference

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 23 (PTI).—A conference of Sikhs, to find ways and means of ending group rivalry and effecting unity among Sikhs, has been called by Dr. Gopi Chand Bhargava, Premier of East Punjab, at Ambala on Christmas day.

Dr. Subbaroyan Leaves For Batavia

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): Dr. P. Subbaroyan, Ambassador-designate to Indonesia, left Madras this morning by air for Calcutta en route to Batavia.

Dr. Subbaroyan expects to return to India in time for the inauguration of the Indian Republic on January 26.

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SAJJAD EXTENDS BARTROLI IN ASIAN LAWN TENNIS

Misses Merchant And Woodbridge Go Down Fighting

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Thirteen out of eighteen first round matches in the men's singles in the International Lawn Tennis Championships of Asia gave straight set decisions this afternoon as against all the six second round matches in the ladies singles. The six seeded players who appeared today registered straight set victories.

Although five matches were extended over three sets in the men's singles the best fare was served on the centre court where a young Hyderabad player S. M. Sajjad, extended Spain's No. Two J. Bartroli, to four sets and often excelled his opponent with superior courtcraft. But he sadly lacked in steadiness. The Spaniard won through sheer tournament temperament. He won the first two sets but in the third set, after trailing two-love Sajjad made a fine rally to level up two-all. He then took the lead never to lose it again and playing superb tennis, won the set 9-7. At the interval Bartroli led Sajjad two sets to one. Resuming the Hyderabad player showed brilliance in flashes while the veteran Bartroli clinched the issue with a steady game.

OAKLEY ACCOUNTS FOR EAPEN

In the other match on the centre court: Gerald D. Oakley of great Britain son of the well-known Surrey county player, eliminated K. Eapon (Jr.) (India) in a colourless game to enter the second round of the men's singles where he meets India's No. eight K. B. Madan who had in his turn eliminated his compatriot V. Ranganathan in a straight set affair. Tall and be spectacled Oakley was inclined to double fault and once he did this thrice in a row. At later stages the the British player seemed to be unhappy with the bright light and experienced trouble with his glasses, which he had to tie up with a handkerchief round his forehead. He took the first two sets cheaply at one and two games. But in the third and which later proved to be the last set the comparatively unknown Indian, Eapen immediately took the lead and at one stage led Oakley three games to one. But the English player warmed up and sent down some hot services which were not returned. Eapen, however. managed to take one more game before conceding the set (4-6) and the match.

MISS MERCHANT GOES DOWN TO MRS. TODD

Mrs Betty Hilton of England unofficially ranked No ten in the world and a Wightman Cup player was too good for Mrs. Unfreville of Calcutta and did not concede a single game. she was full of strokes and a picture of confidence against her opponent.

Miss L. Merchant, who appeared in a sari, took three games from United States No. four woman player, Mrs. Patricia Todd. Mrs. Todd had masculine vigour in her service and drives but Miss Merchant put up a plucky fight against this giant woman who has to her credit wins over Mrs. Margret Osborne du Pont, U.S.A.'s No two and this year's Wimbledon finalist and over Miss Doris Hart (U.S.A.'s) No. three). Miss Merchant scored mostly with baseline crosscourts and lovely drops.

MISS WOODBRIDGE BEATEN

Miss G. Hoahing of Great Britain who created a great sensation with her victory over Miss "Gussie" Moran in this year's Wimbledon got the better of India's No. three Miss Woodbridge. Miss Woodbridge was inclined to error, while Miss Hoahing played a steady game. This dimunitive Hongkong girl had forceful strokes. She depended for her victory chiefly on her spectacular ddives. She will oppose Mrs. Todd in the third round.

Miss J. Quertier of Britain entered the third round in ladies singles at the expense of India's No. two Miss Pramila Khanna of the East Punjab. Miss Khanna, runner-up in last year's National Championships appeared much slow on the court while the British Wightman Cup player showed plenty of agility though she produced nothing spectacular except some nice backhand drives. Miss Quertier jumped into the lead right from the start and at no time gave it away. Towards the close of the second set Miss Khanna won three of her service games and once broke through her opponent's service before she lost the match 2-6 4-6

D. Mitic's (Yugoslavia's No one and a seeded player) service was too good for Prasanta K. Ray of Calcutta. Britain's No. two G. I. Paish, met with determined opposition from Edward Abrecht (India) but the former's experience and courtcraft were too much for the Calcutta man.

The following are the results of matches played in International Lawn Tennis Championship of Asia today:—

Men's Singles (First Round):

D. G. Oakley (Britain) beat K. Eapen (Jr.) (India) 6-1 6-2 6-4; J. Peten (Belgium) beat T. A. Rama Rao (India) 6-0 6-1 6-2; K. B. Madan (India) beat V. Ranganathan (India) 6-1 6-2 6-1; J. A. Withnell (India) beat Rajiswarkumar (India) 6-0 6-2 6-2; P. S. Seshadri (India) beat J. M. Kantawalla (India) 6-4 6-2 6-3; R. Carmona (Phillipine) beat M. A. Ramaswamy (India) 6-0 6-1 6-0; Vishnu Mohan (India) beat D. Stilliard (India) 6-0 6-3 6-3; S. N. Deb (India) beat M. Caul (India) 3-6 6-4 2-6 6-3 6-3; Mahindar Singh (India) beat P. N. Nagu (India) 4-6 6-1 6-4 6-4; Balwant Singh (India) beat A. H. Khokhar (Pakistan) 6-4 6-3 8-6; D. Mitic (Yugoslavia) beat Prasanta K. Ray (India) 6-1 6-0 6-1; G. Vasant (India) beat B. M. Thapar (India) 6-0 6-2, 6-2.

J. Bartroll (Spain) beat S. M. Sajjad (India) 6-2 6-2 7-9 6-1; R. Deyro (Philippines) beat H. G. Dutt (India) 6-0 6-0 6-2; G. L. Paish (Britain) beat Edward Abrecht (India) 6-1 6-2; B. R. Kapanipathy (India) beat Rajen B. (India) 4-6 6-1 8-6 1-6 6-1; J. M. Mehta (India) beat A. Abdul Fazli (India) 6-1 6-1 6-3; Afsar Hussain (India) beat G. Aftan Dilian (Iran) 3-6 6-4 6-3 6-2.

Ladies Singles (Second Round)

Miss G. Hoahing (Britain) beat Miss L. Woodbridge (India) 6-2 6-4; Mrs. P. C. Todd (USA) beat Miss L. Merchant (India) 6-1 6-2.

Ladies Singles (Second Round):

Mrs. N. Adamson (France) beat Mrs. S. R. Mody (India) 6-0 6-1; Mrs. B. Hilton (Britain) beat Mrs. Umfreville (India) 6-0 6-0; Miss J. Quertier (Britain) beat Miss P. Khanna (India) 6-2 6-4; Miss K. L. A. Tuckey (Britain) beat Mrs. C. E. Cargin (India) 6-0 6-3.

GERMANS STILL HOPEFUL

Prepare For 1952 Olympics

MUNICH Dec. 23, (P T I-Reuter) : Josef Horgl, Chairman of the German Athletics League, told German sportsmen here that he hoped the New Year would see the reentry of German sports bodies into the respective international federations. He said that th first few efforts of German athletes abroad had proved that the international standards of German sports were still "considerable". In Frankfurt Goerg Dietrich, President of the German Amateur Boxing Association, declared that next year a German boxing team would start training with a view to possible participation in the 1952 Olympic Games in Helsinki.

BROWN LIKELY TO WIN £ 1500 SNOOKER TITLE

High Average Of Frames Won Will Help Him

LONDON, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter):—Albert Brown of Birmingham, with an average of 21 frames won in the six matches he has played so far, seems likely to win the "News of the World" £1,500 Snooker Tournament being held here. If Brown maintains this average figure in his final contest against Horace Lindrum, which starts on January 12, his total in frames won will be unbeatable unless one of his nearest rivals, Joe Davis or Sidney Smith, effects a big improvement. Davis, who is present runner-up, has averaged 19 frames won in each of his contests. In the event of Brown taking 21 frames off Lindrum, who concedes him six points a frame, Davis must increase his average to 25 during his last two matches if he is to snatch the top prize of £500 from the former Birmingham bus driver.

OSMANIA UNIVERSITY WIN BY BIG MARGIN

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (PTI)—Osmania University beat Annamalai by 226 runs in the second round of the Inter-University Cricket Championship (South Zone) whica ended here today.

Set to make 326 runs in 420 minutes for victory, Annamalai lost hope and half their side for 34 in their second innings yesterday.

The remaining batsmen began to hit out when the game was continued this morning and the team were all out for 99 runs within an hour.

Scores were:—Osmania University—97 and 315, Annamalai University—87 and 99. (Saad Akhartar 3 for 29). 87 and 99. (Saad Kkhartar 3 for 29).

ENGLISH REFEREES WANT PROTECTION

Violence Alleged In Brazil

LONDON, Dec. 23. (P T I-Reuter) : A recommendation that more protection should be given to English referees who visit Brazil is to be made to the English Football Association by three officials who have arrived home.

Gillies Dundas alleged that after a match he was attacked by a crowd and was kicked. He escaped in a radio correspondent's car which was stoned. On another occasion after a match a Brazilian referee came to his dressing room, handed him a stiletto and said "you had better take this, you will need it".

Arthur Ford, a teetotaller, said he was accused of being drunk by a director of a losing team and was also kicked by a player. He added that linesmen had to be armed. The other member of the trio, Fred Lowe, stated that pitches in Brazil were bad and in one match he broke an ankle.

It is understood that two other referees W. Martin and S. Roberts who return next week, do not agree with this severe criticism. Arthur Berry, and Richard Maddison, who have also arrived home, said they had been treated with respect everywhere At a dinner in Buenos Aires they were told that the visit of English referees did more to help relations with the Argentine than anyone else

Walcott To Fight Harold Johnson

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—Jersey Joe Walcott, who twice unsuccessfully fought Joe Louis for the world heavyweight title, has been signed to fight Harold Johnson, of Philadelphia, over ten rounds here on February 8. This will be Walcott's first fight since he beat Olle Tandberg in Sweden last summer. Johnson has been beaten only by Archie Moore and his latest victory was a decision over Jimmy Divins.

INTER-PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS CRICKET

Ten Teams Enter For Cooch Behar Trophy

POONA, Dec. 23 (PTI)—The Inter-Provincial School Cricket Tournament for the Cooch-Behar Trophy will commence in Poona from Saturday, December 24. Ten teams, Madras, Bombay, B roda, Saurashtra, Hyderabad, Bengal, C.P. and Berar, Mysore, Maharashtra and Gujerat have sent their entries.

Four first round matches will be decided on December 24 and 25.

Madras will meet Bombay, Saurashtra, the holders, will play against Hyderabad, Bengal will play against C.P. and Berar and Maharashtra will meet Gujerat in the first rounds.

The final will e played to a finish on the Club of Maharashtra grounds commencing from January 2, 1950.

After the conclusion of the tournament, a team representing All-India Schools will be selected to play against the Commonwealth Cricketers in February next.

Dehra Dun Team Loses Third Match Of Tour.

POONA, Dec. 23 (PTI)—The Armed Forces Academy, Dehra Dun, suffered the third defeat of their tour of Maharashtra when they went down by three goals to nil to a Combined Maharashtra team in an exhibition hockey match on the Sub-Area grounds, Poona, yesterday.

H. Parks, Sussex Professional To Assist Bengal Team

MUSHTAQ ALI HITS UP 185 RUNS IN 90 MINUTES IN FRIENDLY MATCH

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): The Commonwealth cricket team open their engagements in Calcutta with a three-day fixture against the West Bengal Governor's XI tomorrow at the Eden Gardens.

Harry Parks, the Sussex professional, who has been engaged by the Cricket Association of Bengal as a coach, will assist the Commonwealth team, in their match tomorrow.

The teams are:—

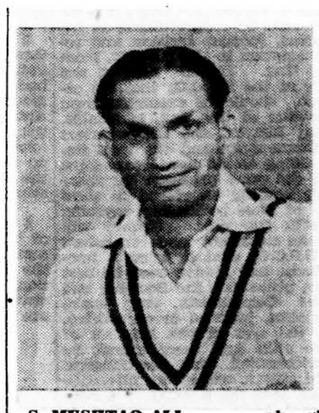
THE COMMONWEALTH TEAM:—"Jock" Livingston (Capt.), Norman Oldfield, J. K. Holt, J. Pettiford, Ray Smith, George Tribe, Harry Parks, Wally Langdon, G. Dawkes, George Pope and D. Fitzmaurice.

THE WEST BENGAL GOVERNOR'S XI:— S. Mushtaq Ali (Capt), S. N. Baneryoe (Sr.), R. Divecha, P. Roy, P. B. Dutt, S. Banerjee, N. Chowdhury, P. Sen (Wicket-keeper), S. K. Girdhari, N. Chatterjee and B. Frank. Twelfthman: S. Mustafi. Reserves, S. Khanna, A. Das Gupta and S. Bose.

The match will start at 10-15 a.m.

While the Commonwealth cricketers spent a quiet day, Mushtaq Ali hit up 185 runs in 90 minutes for the Mohun Bagan Club against Assam Railway in a one-day match at the Mohun Bagan Club ground today. N. Chowdhury, who will also play in the third "Test" claimed two Railway wickets in an many overs for no runs.

The Deputy High Commissioner for the United Kingdom in Calcutta entertained the Commonwealth team at a cocktail party at his residence this evening.



S. MUSHTAQ ALI ..... who will Captain West Bengal Governor's XI against the Commonwealth team at Calcutta today. In a friendly match yesterday Mushtaq Ali hit up 185 runs in 90 minutes.

Smiles Of Success?

Sunshine and laurels are an odd mixture, but these six premier British girl athletes will be seeking both (maybe that's why they're smiling) in New Zealand next February. They sail from icy Britain to the sunny Antipodes to compete in the Empire Games. The girls are—left to right —SYLVIA CHEESEMAN, national 100 and 200 metres champion: MRS. DOROTHY TYLER, high jumper and the most-travelled of Britain's women athletes; DORIS BATTER, 60-metres title holder; MARGARET WALKER, 200 metres Olympic finalist: JEAN DESFORGES, 80 metres hurdles champion: and DOROTHY MANLEY (Mrs. Peter Hall, the Olympic 100 metres sprint champion).—Reuter photo.

Vittal Beats Chandarana In Straight Games

BOMBAY'S NARROW WIN OVER MYSORE IN INTER-PROVINCIAL TENNIS

HYDERABAD, December 23 (P.T.I.): M. V. S. Vittal of Mysore sprang a surprise here today when he defeated Uttam Chandarana of Bombay, India's number one in straight games in the twelfth National and Inter-Provincial Table Tennis Championships which commenced at the All Saints School this morning. Chandarana who appeared compietely off colour was beaten 20-22, 12-21.

Teams from Ceylon, Bombay, Madras, Bengal, Delhi, Hyderabad, Andhra, East Punjab and Mysore have entered for the championship. As the full team representing Andhra has not yet arrived in the city, Andhra was unable to participate in this morning's fixtures.

The following were the results of matches played in the Inter-Provincial table tennis tournament this morning:—

Bombay beat Mysore by five matches to four

Vittal beat Khanchand (Bombay) 21-16, 21-16: Chandarana beat Ramaswami (Mysore) 21-9, 21-8; Vittal beat Sampat (Bombay) 21-8, 21-7; Chandarana beat Anantaraman 21-10, 21-19: Khanchand beat Ramaswami 21-15, 21-19; Vittal beat Chandarana 22-20, 21-12; Ramaswami beat Sampat 21-13, 17-21, 21-19; Khanchand beat Anantaraman. 21-13, 21-16; Sampat beat Anantaraman 21-19, 21-15.

Madras beat East Punjab by five matches to nil.

J. V. S. Rao beat T. C. Sood 21-10, 21-12; Krishna Murthi beat Narendra 21-12; Krishna Murthi beat Narandra Mohan Lal 21-14, 21-17; Parthasarathy beat Ramamurthi (East Punjab) 21-14, 21-17; J. V. S. Rao beat Narendra Mohan Lal 21-15, 21-17; Parthasarathi beat R. C. Sood 21-17, 21-16.

Bengal beat Ceylon five matches to nil.

M. Halder (Bengal) beat Pestonji (Ceylon) 21-13, 17-21, 21-13; R. Bhandari beat C. Daniel 21-13, 21-16; K. Joyaneth beat Udeshi 21-17, 21-8; R. Bhandari beat B. Pestonji 22-20, 21-19.

Madras beat Hyderabad by five matches to one.

Parthasarathi (Madras) beat Rangaswami (Hyderabad) 16-21, 21-13, 21-12; J. V. S. Rao beat Surendra Shah 21-19, 21-16; I. Arjunan beat Mekhri 21-12, 21-12; J. V. S. Rao beat Rangaswami 21-12, 21-9; Mekhri beat Parthasarathi 21-12, 21-18; Arjunan beat Surendra Shah 21-14, 21-15.

WOMEN'S

Hyderabad beat East Punjab by three matches to two.

Sultana (Hyderabad) beat Mrs. Pratap Singh 21-13, 21-9; Mrs. Rajagopalan (East Punjab) beat Miss Leela 13-21, 21-13, 21-17.

Mrs. Pratap Singh and Mrs. Rajagopalan beat Miss Leela and Miss Shah 23-21, 21-15; Miss Sultana beat Mrs. Rajagopalan 21-19, 21-13; Miss Leela beat Mrs. Pratap Singh 21-19, 21-12.

The following are the results of the matches played here this evening:

Mysore beat Delhi by five Matches to three.

Krishna Swami beat Om Prakash (Delhi) 9-21 21-18, 21-10; Vittal beat Saxena 22-20, 21-16: Rama Swami beat C.N. Balu 21-9, 21-12: Saxena beat Krishnaswami (Mysore) 2-19, 15-21, 21-17: Vittal beat Balu (Delhi) 21-17, 21-16: Ramaswami beat Saxena 21-13, 21-14: Krishnan Swami beat Balu 19-21, 21-12, 21-12.

Hyderabad beat Ceylon by five matches to nil.

Ranga Swami beat Pestonji 21-16, 21-14; Krishna Prashad beat Selva Jayam 21-14, 21-18; Mekhri beat Udeshi 21-19, 21-12; Ranga Swami beat Selva Jayam 21-11, 24-22 21-12; Mekhri beat Pestonji 16-21, 21-8, 21-1.

WOMEN'S

East Punjab beat Madras by three to two.

Mrs. C.K.K. Pillay (Madras) beat Mrs Pratap Singh 15-21, 21-13, 21-16; Mrs Rajagopalan (East Punjab) beat Miss A. Rukmani 21-17, 21-18; Mr. Pratapsingh and Mrs. Rajagopalan beat Miss Rukmani and T.S. Sundari 21-17, 19-21, 21-10; Mrs. Rajagopalan beat Mrs. Pillay 21-12, 17-21, 21-8

Ceylon beat East Punjab by five matches to nil. 6

Ratnayake beat Rama Murthi (East Punjab) 21-10, 21-18; Udeshi beat Narindra Mohan Lal 22-20, 20-22, 21-16; C. Daniel beat Surindra Singh 24-18, 21-17; Ratnayake beat Narindra Mohan Lal 21-17, 21-18; Daniel beat Rama Murthi 18-21, 21-5, 21-14.

Lusis Drop A Valuable Point In Senior League

XAVIERS SHOW IMPROVED FORM: O. FERREIRA'S CLEAN DISPLAY

BOMBAY, Friday

St. Xavier's College foiled Lusitanians in their bid for top honours in the B.P.H.A. League by holding them to a goalless draw in this evening's Senior Division encounter. The young Collegians are now playing to an improved form and though playing with a defleted outfit fared splendidly.

Gerry Williams their right inner who puts force in the forward line was absent due to a swollen ankle and Lourdes D'Costa filled his place well enough. Lawrie Lobo, the right extreme was seen at his best making same dangerous centres and keeping Maxie Vaz, the Lusis left-half busy. Owen Ferreira was his usual cool and collected self against a powerful Lusitanians' attack which consisted of Woodcock, Reggie Rodrigues, Louis Vaz, Bocarro, and S. Dias.

As for the Lusitanians they commenced playing two short and delayed the start of the game by ten minutes. Are top graded teams to be granted such privileges? The, star studded outfit fared miserably before a basement side in this season.

Particular mention must be made of the dangerous play of some of the Lusitanians more experienced players. Walter D'Souza should be warned for the nasty way he adopts in his deliberate clearances. He purposefully hits the ball away right into an attacker with the intention of frightening him. Another is Amir Kumar and Maxie Vaz. Warnings should be served in time otherwise clean hockey will be turned to a rough house.

Lusis were rather lucky that no score was registered against them in the opening half for Lourdes D'Costa missed on two occasions. First he sent the ball feebly in from a long shot at the top of circle. Then, he scooped one in which got the goalie, Menezes on the chest.

The College custodian had no opportunity to be tested in this half, but in the second session he had to leave his charge twice to clear some through passes. The Collegians missed a golden opportunity when D'Sa shot from top of circle and Menezes saved but D'Costa and Vaz failed to push the rebound in The match ended in a goalless draw.

In the First Division of the B.P.H.A. League today Bombay Area Army suffered their first reverse at the hands of Catholic Gymkhana being beaten by a solitary goal scored by Neville D'Mello in a rather hard hitting and scrappy encounter.

Norman Fernandes of Catholic Gymkhana was warned by Umpire O. Fernandes for back chatting often.

In the Inter College Hockey League played this evening at the Cooperage Podar College beat G. S. Medical College by two goals to nil. Gama and Shernon were responsible for the winners tally.

THIRD DIVISION HOCKEY

BOMBAY, Friday.

Two matches were scheduled to be played in the Third Division of the B.P.H.A. League at Parsi Cyclists Grounds but only one was played.

Ruia College conceded a walk over the Ordnance XI while Bombay Port Trust "B" and G.I.P. Railway "C" were concerned in a goalless draw.

GAMBLE FOR LOVE HAS EASY JOB IN 2,000 GUINEAS

Boop's Fancy May Win Aga Khan's Cup

BY OUR RACING CORRESPONDENT

BOMBAY, Friday.

IN the 2,000 Guineas tomorrow the famous Gamble for Love has only to run to trounce her seventeen opponents.

Maharani Chimnabai's Boop's Fancy, who is reported to have produced a smashing gallop in private on Sunday last is considered a cast-iron certainty in the Aga Khan's Cup to be run over 1½ miles.

The following are my selections:—

1st Race:
BLUE GLEAM — Win
AGNI MANI — Next Best

2nd Race:
RED CARNATION — Win
QUEEN OF KANDY — Next Best
If ab. MY Aziza

3rd Race:
PICK MONEY — Win
PORTOI — Next Best

4th Race:
LIBERTY BELLE — Win
RAJPUT WARRIOR — Next Best

5th Race:
GAMBLE FOR LOVE — Win
YOUR MAJESTY — Next Best
If ab. Manzoor

6th Race:
BLUE LOTUS — Win
DEV DOOT — Next Best

7th Race:
BOOP'S FANCY — Win
NAVVARA — Next Best

8th Race:
MUSAFIR — Win
VALIANT PRINCE — Next Best
If ab. Dark Roy

9th Race:
PESSIMIST — Win
CARPALA — Next Best
If ab. Aarsu

Choice Treble
PICK MONEY
GAMBLE FOR LOVE
BOOP'S FANCY

Flukes
FIRST ROYALTY
LOCHINVAR

BALLARD AND SETHNA WIN CLOSE GAMES

Handicap Billiards Tournament

BOMBAY, Friday.

Both the matches in the Alec Sequeira Cup Handicap Billiards Tournament played this evening at the Byculla Y.M.C.A. were the closest seen so far in this popular annual tournament. In the first match young Madhav P. Sethna, who was let off with a very slight handicap of a hundred points, beat his opponent E. Nazareth in the last half an hour of the encounter. Nazareth, who had been handicapped heavily at 300 made a desperate attempt to win the match, and came within six points of victory, but Sethna rose to the occasion and left his opponent with still six points of the required 250.

Both Sethna and Nazareth could not chalk up big breaks, and in an average game Sethna made two breaks of over twenty, viz., 23 and 30, while his opponent had to his credit breaks of 23, 22, 31, 23 and 26.

In the other very interesting match A. Ballard (—325) started very promisingly. Wiping out his heavy handicap, a little after his opponent S. H. Engineer had squared off his handicap of 120 points. Keeping abreast of Ballard's score for very nearly an hour, Engineer overtook his opponent at 290—194. Ballard was leading 242 points to 210, and then Engineer taking full advantage of the situation came to within making matters worse for his opponent, but ultimately lost by 11 points.

Ballard's important breaks were 33,24,21,22, 23 and 20, while Engineer had a solitary break of 21 points.

There will be no matches on Saturday and Sunday, and the tournament will be resumed as usual on Monday next.

PICK MONEY AND RAJPUT WARRIOR EXCEL IN SPURTS

By Our Track Reporter

The following are the spurts noted at Mahalaxmi this morning.—

OUTER TAN

GREEK STAR (Uttam) disposed of CHANDRAJEET (Dutty) when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs.

PANKAJ (Devaney) was a length in front of PRAMILA (Jagdeo) when making a three furlongs spurt in 38 secs.

FIRST ROYALTY (Hayat Md.) outstrode SHAHI BAG (Sethna) when covering three furlongs in 36½ secs.

DARK ROY (P. Khade) and SPRING CHICKEN (B. Khade) were locked together when worked over three furlongs. Timing 36 secs.

QUICKSAND (Jones) covered three furlongs in 36 secs. attractively.

MANSOOR BEG (Khade) shaped better than VAGABOND QUEEN when engaged over a three furlongs gallop. Timing 36 1-5 secs.

KENNERETH (Dar) beat TRUMPELDOR (Purtu) when concerned in a spurt over three furlongs in 36½ secs. A fit pair.

PICK MONEY (Purtu) moved impressively in the company of PESSIMIST (Hanuman) over three furlongs in 36½ secs. A fit pair.

RAJPUT WARRIOR (Purtu) strode very well in hand and clocked 36½ secs. for three furlongs.

PRETTY TOWN (Khade) was on the bit when covering three furlongs in 38 secs.

PHONE AGAIN (Rickaby) was sent at a slow pace over three furlongs. He returned 40 secs.

NATURE BOY (Cunningham) covered three furlongs in 36½ secs.

BIHARI (R. Bhosle) and PAVAN (J. Bhosle) lay in close order at the end of a three furlongs trial. Timing 36 secs.

STEVE (Shivanna) made a three furlongs trip in 37 secs.

DEV DOOT (Jones) covered three furlongs from 9 to 6 in 37 secs.

BLUE LOTUS (Argade) showed out from TANTALUM (Cunningham) when exercised over three furlongs from 9 to 6. He returned 37 2-5 secs.

SHAN-E-HIND (Kasbekar) covered three furlongs in 35 4-5 secs.

RACE GRASS

STAR OF MAHAD (Ghaus Khan) travelled three furlongs in 37 secs.

FAIRY GATES (Jones) and BALLYNAHINCH (Kadam) covered three furlongs in 35½ secs.

AMAN (Khade) and FIND OUT (Medhe) recorded a noteworthy spurt over three furlongs in 34½ secs.

LONDON TAN (Kadam) AYAAZ (Shiba) and YOUR MAJESTY (Jones) were in the order mentioned when covering three furlongs in 35 secs.

HOODED TERROR (Bhoor) was in front of PRINCE OF MAHAD (R. B.) when covering three furlongs in 35½ secs.

HER EXCELLENCY (Whiteside) was accompanied by PRINCESSA (Summer) Three furlongs were covered in 35 secs.

Jones Beat Edwards At Snooker

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 22 (PTI): Frank Edwards, the English amateur billiards champion, beat Wilson Jones, the National Champion by 474 to 318 in an exhibition match at the Ritz in Secunderabad tonight.

Wilson Jones secured two out of the three frames in snooker against Edwards but in the billiards match Edwards beat Wilson Jones in spite of the big lead, which the latter had obtained. But as a result of a break of 83, which Frank Edwards got in 3 minutes, 6 seconds he brought his scores to 407 and at close of play he won the game.

Frank Edwards won the first frame in snooker at 67-59, but Jones claimed the next two at 62-31 and 50-32.

PAREL HOCKEY LEAGUE

BOMBAY, Friday

The following are the results of the matches played in the Parel Hockey League this evening:

SENIOR DIVISION: B. B and C. I. Railway "B" 4 (Murzello 2, Foster Lazarus), Panchgani Parsis 0.

FIRST DIVISION: Khatau S. C. 1 (Bangera), B.B. and C.I. Rly. "C" 0.

SECOND DIVISION: Blue Wizards 2 (L. D'Souza, B. Almeida) Liver 'A' 0.

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RACING UNDER IDEAL CONDITIONS

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OF GOLDEN SILENCE

Whilst Mr. Loy Henderson, the American Ambassador in India, has made out an ingenious, if disingenous, case to show that American foreign policy in no way differs from that enunciated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru as the Indian attitude, Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar pleads that America should become more Indian and India more American. Mr. Henderson's thesis is a welcome indication that Americans are looking a little more sympathetically at the Indian viewpoint. In the last analysis, it means really nothing because every State and every foreign office can claim, and must claim, that it decides on every issue on its merits. Otherwise, it is condemning itself of narrow self-interest and it will fail to commend itself to other nations. The plea that Americans should acquire a more Indian attitude, is based on a common fallacy. The Indian, it is well that we got this clear, is as much intersted in things mundane as the American. It is no use ascribing all kinds of qualities to the Indian which he does not have. If there is a difference it is that the Indian, owing to his phenomenal poverty, thinks in terms of annas while the American has a much larger financial range. Sir C. P. Ramaswami Aiyer would have been more to the point had he stressed the complete lack of social conscience which distinguishes the Indian and which has done much to alienate other peoples from us. It is this which has given to our money-making activities a certain narrowness and a grimness which is almost sinister. It is time that our leaders gave up showering congratulations on our people for imagined virtues and plainly told them that we are as a nation beginning very much nearer the bottom of the ladder than at the top. With our staggering load of black-marketing, corruption and nepotism, it is amazing how our public figures can so easily succumb to the sin of phariseeism, the easy assumption that we are better than other men. They do not impress the rest of the world which has been more than ready to credit us with the divine virtues, but which naturally looks askance when we ourselves go on to the utmost bounds of self-adulation. So far as the quest for spiritual values goes, humanity as a whole is in pretty much the same plight and no one nation can justly regard itself as on nearer the threshold of achievement. In fact anyone who directly or by implication claims special virtue for the people, is really indulging in a distorted and unhelpful form of compensation for our glaring shortcomings. We wish our publicists would cultivate a due sense of proportion in these matters. It would help if anyone disposed to distribute bouquets to Indians, paused and considered the sorry show our representatives have so often put up; we are sure that it will lead to silence which at all times is golden.

It Can Be Done

Though in the eyes of foreigners, India alone was accused of pan-eating, and its concomitant of pan-juice-spitting, latest researches reveal that India was by no means unique in this respect among the Asiatic countries. Siam, which is a confluence of Sino-Indian culture, was as addicted to this obnoxious habit as its big neighbour, India, inspite of Burma serving as a buffer between the two. How this habit permeated to this part of the Far East, is for historians, researchers and other bibliophiles to explore. But, the habit, did exist, and, until very recent years in Thailand, people chewed pan and spat everywnere with the luxurious abandon of cattle chewing the cud, though cattle, knowing better are content to chew and not to expectorate. In 1940, Marshal Pibul Songramm the present Premier of Siam, who was in power, also then in a drive to modernise his country, laid his finger first on this pernicious custom which he thougnt, must be banned by statute. Accordingly, he made it his prime concern to banish pan-eating completely, for without it, he felt that his country would never learn even the rudiments of decent public behaviour. He must also have considered the actual loss of national energy, when millions of mouths go into action practically throughout the day and a goodly part of the night, for it stands to reason that, if one cannot serve two masters at the same time, he cannot in the same way, do two things efficiently at the same time, even if the two things are pan-eating and doing one's job whatever it be.—Our Ministers, if they are serious about extirpating this untidy and unhygenic habit, would do well to emulate the Marshal's shining example in this respect. With a stroke of the pen, he caused a revolution in the social habits of his people. He banned pan-eating by issuing an edict. Not content with a mere fiat, the Marshal passed another decree whereby overnight, the colossal task of cutting down every single betel-nut tree and betel leaf plantation, was undertaken. Even labour was conscripted for this purpose and within a short while, Siam was rid of a centuries-old habit. Day after day, plantation after plantation and tree after tree, was hacked or felled down, till in an exiguous period of time, vast areas cultivating these unwanted crops were destroyed for ever. It must be remembered that even in the interval between the Marshal's fall from power and his staging a come-back later, while other reforms introduced by him, received a set-back, the odium against pan-eating continued and still continues. Not even his successor, Prime Minister Pridi, could bring the pan back, by rescinding the benevolent measure, introduced by Marshal Songramm, for by now public opinion had completely veered round the anti-pan law. Of course, it would be too much to expect Indian Governments—Provincial or Central—to follow the Marshal's footsteps in certain other radical reforms, which the also introduced, like making western costumes for both men and women compulsory, not only in public places but even at home and like the late Ataturk of Turkey, making ballroom dancing a part of the country's social life. It must be remembered that the first social reform which he introduced was against pan-eating, and the more sweeping reforms followed only later, for the Marshal well knew that a person could not enter a ball-room and dance away in conventional evening attire, with crimson saliva dribbling from the corners of his mouth.

Malayan Measure

The Malayan Government has rushed through with a bill withdrawing the right till now enjoyed by the Agent of the Government of India to inspect Indian labour conditions in Malaya. The excuse of the Malayan Government is that the Agent sent his reports directly to the Government of India. One would have expected the Government of Malaya to find out first of all why it was necessary for the Indian Agent to send reports of which the Malayan Government obviously feels uneasy. If conditions are bad, then efforts should be made to improve them. But the Government has reacted in a manner which suggests that it is in no mood to tackle the problem in the right spirit. In Malaya, as in the case of Ceylon and Burma, it is Indian labour which is doing the back-breaking job of developing the resources of the country. Indian workers have been exploited to a great extent and, when attempts were made to organise the workers and demand redressal in a collective manner, the Government came down on many of the Trade Unionists who were arrested under the all-embracing emergency regulations under which Indians have even been sentenced to death. There have been occasions when Indians have also been sentenced for the alleged offence of giving "protection money" to the Communists, though in many cases, the money was taken away by force by the bandits. There is a strong case for the Government of India to investigate matters thoroughly and raise the issue, if necessary at the forthcoming Foreign Ministers' Conference at Colombo.

Thought For The Day

No real democracy is possible within any nation or state until its relation with other nations or states is democratic, and no such relation of states is possible until the states are in some sense republics.

—DELISLE BURNS.

Tete-a-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

"My works are being translated into the eleven different dialects now spoken in India. All these dialects will all perish and be replaced by English (the only common Indian language.) My works will be read in their original English if they are read at all."

G. B. Shaw (in an interview).

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The organiser of the Miss a Meal movement is meeting journalists of Bombay.

To inspire, or be inspired?

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A contemporary prints the letter of a Poona correspondent who quotes his tonga driver for the statement that the panther which caused such havoc recently in the city, came by train.

This might be utilised as propaganda for attracting tourists who want a thrill with their tickets.

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A Russian order for 10,000 tons of Malayan rubber has been received here, says a Singapore message.

We are glad to note that the Russo-Malayan trade has not been a one-way traffic.

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About 150 membere of the staff of the Constituent Assembly Secretariat have been served with notices that their services would be terminated from January 26, 1950 as the functions of the Assembly would come to an end on that date.

There will at least be one section of the Indian public to whom January 26 will be tinged with bitter memories.

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A London report says that five Indian princes want to form a company in London to administer and protect their assets.

Or what is left of them, race-horses not excluded.

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"Hindi and Urdu do not differ as much as the milk of the cow from that of the buffalo", said Mr. C. Rajagopalachari, speaking at Hyderabad.

The reference to a buffalo, however remote, is apt to be resented by people who do not take kindly to that long-suffering animal.

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The Government of India would announce recognition of Communist China on Christmas Day, acording to a report current in London.

Dr. Savarkar might read into it more than what meets the eye: he might rejoice that the Government is veering to his view—India cannot be a secular state.

CITY CORPORATION : WEEK BY WEEK

By "Citizen"

IF THERE is one question that has held the attention of the city for the whole of the current week it is Housing. When it is admitted by the highest authority on the subject, namely the Housing Minister, that half of the city population lacks proper roof over its head and almost one third of that half consists of pavement dwellers the gravity of the situation needs no further elaboration.

Late last week the Housing Minister Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda explained to the press what had so far been done by the government and what were their plans for the future. The week-end saw one of the biggest demonstrations held in the city in recent times when thousands of workers paraded the streets demanding work and houses. The beginning of the week witnessed the first meeting of the newly appointed Housing Advisory Colmmittee and on the same day the city Corporation discussed at a Special meeting a proposition to the effect that increase in house rents should not be permitted.

DEBATE ON HOUSING

Mr. Dinkar Desai the mover of the proposition had to cut short his speech as a result of the ruling of the Mayor that time taken up in considering any points of order raised during the discussion would have to come from the time of the mover of a proposition. This was followed by an amendment moved by Dr. V. B. Gandhi one of the deputy leaders of the Congress Party to the effect that increase should be allowed in rents which were over Rs 100 per month. The debate was adjourned and since the Corporation is enjoying Christmas holidays till the 5th of January next year, and the first few meetings in the new year may be devoted to the agenda for that month, this discussion is not likely to be resumed for at least a couple of weeks

The provocation for the Socialist member to bring the matter before the Corporation was the demand made by the city landlords at their conference that an immediate increase of twentyfive per cent in the rents of residential quarters and fifty per cent in the rents of industrial and business establishments should be allowed. Government reaction to the demand is not yet known although the premier of the province Mr. B. G. Kher and the Housing Minister Mr. Gulzarilal Nanda have given their personal opinions that they are opposed to any such increase. The Corporation at an earlier stage has suggested that landlords should be allowed to recover the cost of heavy structural repairs to their properties from the tenants, by putting up rents and government reaction to that suggestion is also awaited.

CURTAILMENT OF LIBERTY

Earlier on the same day the House discussed at considerable length the various changes proposed in the Municipal Act that would restrict the discussions in the Corporation to purely "civic" matters and save time. There appeared to be agreement on minor matters like allowing letters of thanks etc. to be disposed of by the Municipal Commissioner without bringing the same on the regular agenda, but the Opposition took strong objection to the grant of powers to the Mayor to disallow whatever he considered to be a non-civic matter. Mr. Naushir Bharucha took strong exception to the suggestion which he said was a curtailment of the libery of the House which it has so far enjoyed. He felt that it was an attempt to gag the Opposition and uttered a note of warning that if forced in this manner the Opposition might have to resort to obstructionists tactics. The reaction of the majority party to this threat could not be gauged as the debate had to be adjourned in order to begin the Special meeting to consider the question of rent increase.

In the mean time sections of the press have commented on the subject and favoured withdrewal of the proposed changes as persistence on their introduction might lead to more delay rather than expedite the work. It has also been pointed out that the proposed changes if introduced would prevent the Corporation even from voting civic addresses to notabilities when they happen to visit the city, and the Corporation would lose the importance it enjoys now as a result of the traditions built up in scores of years.

TEMPORARY HUTMENTS

Allied with the subject of Housing is the question of the many hutment areas which have cropped up in the different parts of the city in the last few years. Today the city is dotted with such colonies of temporary hutments and their number seems to be ever-growing. The pace of building new houses being too slow and the city population steadily rising, this is bound to happen. It will be recalled that some time back the Corporation asked the students of the Tata School of Social Sciences to carry out a survey of these hutments and study living conditions in them. The Squatters (Survey) Report submitted by them to the Municipal Commissioner must be quite an interesting and valuable document. An illuminating extract from that precious report appeared in the agenda papers of the Schools Committee. It appears that on reading that there was going to be a survey of these hutment areas, the Secretary of the Schools Committee approached the Municipal Commissioner with a request that simultaneously with the survey a count of such children of school going age as lived in those hutments, but did not attend any school, should also be taken. It is indeed a pity that the useful request reached the Municipal Commissioner rather late and by then the work of the survey was almost complete and therefore no actual count of such children could be taken. However the extract furnished by the Municipal Commissioner for the information of the Schools Committee gives a good idea of the horrible conditions.

The total number of children in the hutments, examined by the surveyors, was 11,801 and this gave 1.67 children per family. 70.71 per cent of these children were below five years and the remaining 29.29 per cent children were of school going age. Then the surveyors say that "almost all these children were non-earning dependents. They were neither going to school nor working any where. We found most of these children loafing about the the vicinity of their hutments, some

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dangerous Red Herring

By asserting that the tune was much more important than the words in the national anthem, the Prime Minister has, we fear, started a red herring. The tendency of our people being to tear an idea to tatters, the Vande Mataram stalwarts will now try to squeeze that song into the "Janaganamana" tune. It is proposed to frame a resolution on the National Anthem and the argument preferring it to Vande Mataram is mainly based on suitability for orchestration. Surely, this is a kind of backdoor entrance that is most unsuitable for a National Anthem. We know that the anthems of other countries have had a much less reputable origin. But no one commended a particular song on the ground that it could be orchestrated. There is, however, one thing which much be noted in the choice. Pandit Jawaharlal said, "It should have the Eastern element in it, and it should have that part of the Western element which enables it to be played properly by bands and orchestras." This surely should be taken as an indication that we are not going back on nearly two hundred years of recent history. It is an attitude that might usefully be adopted in regard to other national policies too.

Negligence?

The hospital worker's lot is no bed of roses and every one will admit that he has a difficult job to perform for inadequate returns. Also there is a shortage of attendants and nurses Admitting all this we expect the public hospitals to give satisfactory treatment, sympathetic care and proper attention to all patients. There are numerous complaints against hospitals which may be brushed aside as born of over-strained nerves of the sick and their relatives who expect too much from the harassed doctors, nurses and attendants. But there must be some basis for all these complaints. It is a notorious fact that some doctors attending patients at public hospitals and at their own nursing homes and dispensaries show a marked difference in their behaviour. Prompt attention to patients' requests and a little sympathy mixed with the prescribed medicines will go a long way to their speedy recovery. Reports of delirious patients jumping out of hospital windows to their deaths come as a shock Four such cases have occurred during the last few months. Is it not a practice to keep cases of delirium under constant observation. It is a shame that in a modern city like Bombay we are not able to take proper care of the sick in our public hospitals

The Mahasabha

Speaking to his admirers at Nagpur station, on his way to Calcutta the Hindu Mahasabha Conference, Mr. V. D. Savarkar is reported to have said that it is foolish to call the Indian Government secular when the majority of the people are Hindus. He added that the Hindu Maha Sabha had come out of an ordeal triumphant and the ideal of Akhand Bharat was nearer to realisation. Mr. Savarkar repeats the pet fallacy of the sabhaites that Hindustan and Pakistan will unite into one "Hindu Rashtra". No one has bothered to explain how two conflicting theocracies can unite into one. No wonder that a section of the Hindus, represented by the Sabha, resent the Government of the country passing into the hands of the representatives of the common people of India. It is only a secular democracy which will will give a fair deal to all classes of Hindus and minorities in India. "Hindu Rashtra" will only mean domination by a certain section of the Hindus. The common people realise it too well and that is why the Sabha ideology has found such poor support. After the edge of anguish caused by partition has been dulled by time, even the refugees who have been misled by the talk militant of the Hindu Mahasabha, will realise that they are supporting the wrong ideology. The common people and minorities, no matter what religion they belong to, will find security only in a secular state. We see the Hindu Mahasabha raising its head again, not because of its innate strength but because India is sworn to democracy and allows freedom of expresion and assembly even to those opposed of her national policy.

No Communalism

The refusal of the Government of Bombay to restore the grants-in-aid sanctioned to charitable trusts functioning on a communal basis will be welcomed. The argument advanced that, although the trusts were functioning on a communal basis, the advantage accrued to the people as a whole is a specious one, for the charity will accentuate the communal distinctions in a sphere where it should be least felt. One might ask why these trusts should not change their articles to extend their activities to people irrespective of caste or creed. If they are so tied down by the restrictions imposed by their donors, there is only one course open — wind up the show.

The Short Cut

The Chief Presidency Magistrate of Bombay, must be congratulated on his independent, judicial decision and refusing exemption to the B.P.C.C., from the Riot Tax. If the plea of the Secretary of the B.P.C.C., that his organisation should be exempted from the operation of this Tax, is tenable, then, Raj Bhavan, the head-quarters of the Communists and the local Socialists' Office, would have every right to claim the same privilege, for there has been nothing on record to show that any of these bodies had anything to do with the riots. Nobody will dispute the statement made on behalf of the B.P.C.C., that it being a non-violent body, had always tried its best to restore peace, but the Socialist and even the Communists may make similar claims, justified or unjustified. And, in the eyes of the law, all of them are alike and there cannot be any discrimination. That the Congress is also in power, makes no difference to the fact that the B P C.C., is a non-Government body and is entitled to no more rights than the meanest and most insignificant of political organisations. If the B.P.C.C.'s application for exemption had been granted, then it would raise many embarrasing issues and legal complications, all of which of course, have now been avoided, for by taking a strictly legalistic attitude, Mr. Oscar Brown, has established no awkward precedents.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Telephone Industry

You are aware of the fact that the Bombay Telephone Co., Ltd., was taken over by the Posts & Telegraphs Department of the Government of India. The Company had also a workshop attached to it. There are at present three workshops controlled by the Directorate of Posts & Telegraphs at Bombay, Alipore and Jubbulpore. Telephone Workshop at Bombay has played a notable part during war time in the manufacture of components required for the automatic and manual telephone equipment. The entire Trunk Development Scheme was completed at the Bombay Telephone Workshops which is staffed with highly skilled personnel and equipped with considerable machine capacity.

One of the most brilliant efforts on the part of the Bombay Telephone Workshops was that of setting up of the complete manufacturing plant for the production of telephone cords of all types both for instruments and switch boards. The machinery required was designed from "scratch" and represents the only activity of its type today carried out in the East Hitherto all requirements of telephone cords and cordages were imported. It can be said with confidence that this plant with its associated trained staff can produce the whole of the requirements of telephone cordage from indigenous materials if they are made readily available.

Notwithstanding the above, the Ministry of Communications encouraged the establishment of the Indian Telephone Industries at Bangalore for the manufacture of automatic telephone equipment. Their achievement upto now is the presentation of three telephone instruments to His Excellency Shri Rajagopalacharlar, our Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru and Shri Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, the Minister for Communications, assembled out of material imported from abroad.

It is interesting to note that the Ministry of Communications have placed certain orders on the Indian Telephone Industries who in turn are contemplating to import the same from abroad thereby involving a purchase to the extent of several thousands of rupees worth of sterling balances on items which can be readily manufactured at the Bombay Telephone Workshops from materials available to the tolerances required, at a price which will readily meet competition from sources of purchase.

It is understood on reliable authority that the Telephone Workers' Union which is a non-political organisation conducted by workers themselves, has already drawn the attention of the authorities concerned to the existing state of affairs and has also requested them to see that manufacturing potentialities of the Bombay Telephone Workshops are fully utilised to meet the growing demands of the public for telephone equipment in the best interests of the nation. It has also appealed to the Government of India and leaders of public opinion to see that sterling balances are utilised only for those items the manufacure of which cannot be undertaken in India and not on such telephone equipment which can be manufactured in our own country.

It is hoped that the Ministry of Communications will co-operate in the drive for all-round economy and austerity in respect of foreign imports and thereby save the Telephone Industry in India from extinction.

—"TELEPHONIST"

Goan Conference

We have learnt that a Political Conference of Goans is to be convened at the Sir Cowajee Jahangir Hall of the 7th and 8th January 1950. We have also learnt further that the fee for the delegates to the conference is fixed at Rs. 1 and for the visitors at As 4. I sincerely believe that there is a strong and pressing necessity for the convening of a mass political conference which would really give a bold lead and programme for the immediate liberation of Goa from Fascist domination.

However, with such high fee for delegates and lack of publicity for the conference, the conference would not be in the nature of a 'real mass conference' expressing the basic demands of the Goan people. The Conference as now being organised would at most express the wishes of a certain section of the Goan people who are not interested in action but only want to satisfy their ego.

This is supposed to be the Second Goan Political Conference. The first Political conference convened in 1947 had appointed a 'standing committee made up of Messrs S. B. D'Silva, Peter Alvares, L. J. D'Souza and others who were to implement the "Quit Goa" resolution passed at that conference — do these individuals want to repeat the farce of another "Quit Goa" resolution followed by inaction?

I would strongly urge the conveners of this Second Political Conference to make the Conference the real voice of the Goan people by fixing the delegation fee at As. 4 and keeping the visiters gallery open to the public. Why are we afraid of the people?

—TEREZO PEREIRA

Government Shipping Office, Calcutta

I am glad to make the general public—particularly those who are very critical about the callousness of our National Government in dealing with cases of corruption and nepotism in Government of India to check the long standing corruption and maladministration obtaining in the Government Shipping Office, Calcutta. Through the Modern Review (September 1948) and also other Calcutta Dailies the general public are already aware of the activities of this office before partition and immediately thereafter, which were subject matter of strong public criticism and badly needed thorough investigation.

It is encouraging to learn that the whole affair has since been taken up by the Special Police Establishment of the Government of India. Although the final result of the investigation is yet being eagerly awaited I have noticed with pleasure definite improvement with regard to the present administration of this office within a very short time and I heartily congratulate the Hon'ble Minister in-charge of Commerce, Government of India for his wise choice in favour of Commdr. E. V. Bobb RINVR who has taken over charge as the Shipping Master, Calcutta only a few months back.

—BEPIN BEHARI GANGULY, M.L.A.

The Andhra Cyclone Relief Fund

Mr. S. K. Patil, President of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee and the Mayor of Bombay has made a fervent appeal to the citizens of Bombay as well as to its commercial and other organisations to rise to the occasion so as to immediately afford financial relief to the victims of the recent cyclone on the east coast of Andhra. Harrowing accounts of the havoc wrought by the cyclone in Andhra are still pouring in. The magnitude of the losses sustained is of an unprecedented character. Men have lost in most parts almost everything they could call their own. Cattle were drowned. Future prospects of having agricultural yield for the future too have been blasted. The standing agricultural crop has been lost. Famine has set in in a land hitherto giving the best possible yield—Under the circumstances the country as a whole which used to avail of the agricultural produce from Andhra would be the loser. The land itself in most cases is covered with such a thick layer of sand in some places deposited by sea water that it is not possible to recultivate it even if an agriculturist thinks of doing so with all the handicaps he has and the calamities suffered by him and numerous others. What, however is of immediate consequence is agriculturists themselves are facing starvation without food this year and the wherewithal for providing themselves with seed for cultivation when ever it may become possible to do so. I submit under these circumstances that the country as a whole must stand by those whose labours are to feed the nation as a whole and help them out of their present calamities. Lakhs of acres of agricultural land now rendered unfit for cultivation is bound to make the country the poorer for food at this time of crisis. I join in the appeal to the citizens of Bombay to contribute to the fund with the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has started for giving to Andhra the hand of help which it so needs in its hour of dire need. I suggest that all those organisations big or small which have already started collecting money for the relief of the victims of the Andhra Cyclone will do well to pay the sums so collected at the office of the B.P.C.C so that the entire amount may be collected at one place and made available for being sent to the quarters extending relief to the sufferers from this unprecedented calamity. As the extent of losses sustained is colossal running into several crores, individuals bodies and commercial organisations are requested to contribute liberally to this fund.

—N. C. N. ACHARYA

Future Of Vanaspati

Mr. M. P. Vajifdar in a letter to the press has shown great daring for this product and urges the Government to release the reports of the research centres so that the Public may get encouraged to use it without any doubt about its degenerating effects

Mahatma Gandhi has said that to use this product is a sin. The U.P and Saurashtra Governments have ere long ordered for its colourisation. The C. P. Government have opened up centres at various places for the sale of pure ghee. It is a pity Mr. Vajifdar is not inclined to put these before the public. Is the Government going to say that Haffkine Institute report is wrong! Even if this product has no deleterious effects why should it be manufactured? Where is the necessity? Why oil should be refined into ghee when oil itself could be used with advantage as it is being done for generations. In allowing its manufacture even under compulsion that it should be given colour to prevent its adulteration it is said that such colours can be washed off completely

I request the pure ghee merchants association the Gosevasamaj and other public institutions to condemn manufacture of Vanaspati.

—R. M. VORA

A Stunt

"Give Work! Give Houses" are simple slogans which certainly can attract a lot of people in the procession! The working class, in whose name the Socialists are tub-thumping is actually much better in the post-war days than certain other sections of the people. Their incomes have increased four-fold and they occupy the balcony seats in theatres. Briefly, this is a political stunt aimed at hampering the Government. May wiser counsels prevail!

—N. G. SHAH.

AZAD

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in the spheres of art, literature, philosophy and religion. This research, had, in particular, brought Asia and Europe together. For example, the specimens of Indian art, culture and literature had been brought to the notice of the European countries and valuable books translated into different languages. But the work was neither complete nor thorough, and every effort was to be made to complete it. The Indian National Commission had, therefore, to make a survey as to how much had been done in this direction and then to find out what had yet to be done.

The Maulana advised that in doing so, the Commission should bear in mind the examples of and the methods adopted by some other countries in this respect. The Arab League had decided to produce four books every year—two of Arabic classics to be translated into European languages and two standard books from among the European languages to be translated into Arabic. The INC must follow their example and produce at least four books every year—two from European languages into Hindi and other Indian languages and two from Indian languages into European languages.

Concluding, the Maulana suggested the publication by the INC of a journal in which it would review its activities and provide a forum for discussion on matters having a bearing on art, literature and science of this country as well as of other countries.

Later declaring the Art Exhibition open, the Maulana observed that the exhibition was an indication of one of the many ways in which the UNESCO was trying to bring about understanding among the different nations of the world.

MR. KHER'S WARNING

Earlier, Mr. B. G. Kher, the Premier of Bombay, sounded a note of warning against two grave dangers. These were: "a tendency towards underestimating the value of our own art and culture as compared to the West, and a tendency towards revivalism which was leading to a blind worship of the past to the exclusion of the development of science and art in the world and the contribution to Indian culture made by other races living in India for the last thousand years and more."

The Premier added: "I have however no doubt that the stream of forces released by our struggle for freedom and the guidance we have received from men like Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi shall help us to steer clear of these dangers."

Mr. K. M. Munshi, proposing a vote of thanks to the Maulana, emphasised the necessity of constant contact with various branches of the UNESCO. He added, "We have today no third choice between a world united and a world destroyed. I have no doubt that the work of the UNESCO would contribute substantially in bringing about a united world."

At the outset, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Chairman of the Reception Committee, welcoming Maulana Azad stressed the fact that the ideals of the UN as a political instrument of life would only be achieved through the UNESCO which was endeavouring to bring about a spirit of "forbearance within this multi-coloured world-society and to establish a community of interests among the peoples of the world."

Stop Press

LIBERTIES

CUTTACK, Dec. 23 (PTI): The first Provincial Civil Liberties Conference under the presidentship of Mr. P. R. Das, today passed several resolutions condemning alleged infringement of civil liberties either through security acts or press laws and called upon everybody to use his influence to end "these disgraceful impediments to our national well-being and growth."

ROME ALERT

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter).—Rome police tonight prepared for a possible Communist demonstration at tomorrow's opening of the Holy Year here by ordering extra riot squads to be posted round the main churches after a threat of demonstrations.

VASIST ASSURES

BANGALORE, Dec. 23 (PTI).—Mr. S. S. Vasist, member of the Indian Railway Board, today assured the merchants in Mysore that they would not lose any facility because of the integration of Mysore State Railway with the national railway system.

FRENCH PATROLS IN ACTION

16 Viet Minh Partisans Killed

PARIS, Dec. 23, (PTI-Reuter): Strong French patrols took 71 Viet Minh (Annamese Nationalist insurgent) prisoners in a reconnaissance about six miles south of That Khe on the Langson-Cachang Road near the Chinese frontier, according to a French communique issued in Hanoi today.

Fighter aircraft intervened effectively against Viet Minh concentrations in the Hoa Binh region southwest of Hanoi and the Bac Ninh region to the north-east, the communique said.

Ten Viet Minh partisans were killed and four, including a Political Commissar, captured in an ambush in the Hanoi sector.

A French and Vietnamese patrol lost two killed and five wounded in an ambush about ten miles north-east of Haiphong, the port 50 miles south-east of Hanoi, the 'communique' added.

Six Vietminh partisans were killed and nine wounded when another French patrol intercepted a Vietminh convoy near Haiduong, midway between Hanoi and Haiphong.

Cut More Trees To Grow More Food

NAGPUR, Dec. 23, (UPI): With a view to making more land available for cultivation under their "Grow More Food" plans, the C.P. Government has it is understood, sanctioned disforestation of 400 acres of Government reserved forest land in Warora range and 111 acres of forest land in Chanda range of Chanda North Forest Division.

CLASSICAL MUSIC IN UNIVERSITY

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): The All-India Music Conference has expressed gratification at the inclusion of Indian classical music in its curriculum by the Benares Hindu University.

The conference offered its felicitations to Pandit Onkarnath Thakur who has been selected by the University to be in charge of the Music Department.

The fifth session of the conference began here today, the Vice-Chancellor of the Calcutta University, Mr. C. C. Biswas, presiding. The Governor of West Bengal Dr. K. N. Katju was the guest-in-chief.

The conference requested the Calcutta University to introduce Indian classical music in its syllabus and give this subject an equal place with other subjects of arts and science.

The Education Minister of West Bengal distributed the prizes.

Founded in 1943 by some lovers of music in Calcutta, the All-India Music Conference has already started a free music college in its own building. The institution has on its roll nearly 200 students.

SULPHUR IMPORT

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (U.P.I.): It is notified for general information that licences issued by the Chief Controller of Imports for import from abroad of any article do not absolve the licence-holder from obtaining a licence required under any other acts, says a press note issued today by the Chief Controller of Imports.

It has been brought to the notice of the Government of India, adds the note, that in the past certain firms imported sulphur and potassium chlorate either against individual licence obtained from the Chief Controller of Imports or under Open General Licence, although they had no licence required under the Arms Act or Explosives Act.

Importers of sulphur and potassium chlorate are informed that in future licences for import of these articles will be granted only to such applicants who are in possession of necessary permits under the Explosives Act or Arms Act, as necessary, and produce certificates from the District Magistrate or the Superintendent or the Commissioner of Police to that effect.

HATTA MEETS KAUR

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23, (PTI): An Indonesian delegation by Dr. M. Hatta Prime Minister passed through Calcutta this evening on way to Amsterdam to receive the transfer of sovereignty to the United States of Indonesia from Queen Juliana of the Netherlands on December 27.

Shortly after Dr. Hatta's arrival at Dum Dum Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, India's Health Minister, also arrived by air from Delhi. She is on her way to Jogjakarta to represent India at the celebrations there in connection with the transfer of power.

Rajkumari Amrit Kaur and Dr. Hatta exchanged warm greetings and had a brief talk before the former left for Government House.

Mr. Kher's Party

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, was at home to the members of the Cultural Sub-Commission of the Indian National Commission for Co-operation with the U.N.E.S.C.O., at the Council Hall, Bombay, this evening. Among those present were the members of the Sub-Commission, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Minister for Education, Government of India, and Dr. Tarachand, Secretary, Ministry of Education, Government of India.

Mr. Vyshinsky who has been representing the Soviet Union in New York, called in at Berlin on his way home to Moscow. His plane landed in the Soviet Zone near Berlin and he was given an official reception by the "German Democratic Republic"—headed by "President" Pieck, the Moscow-trained boss of East Germany. Photo shows: "President" Pieck (left) and Mr. Vyshinsky apparently in a cheerful mood at the official reception in Berlin. (Keystone).

SPORTS IN BRITAIN LIKELY TO GET FINANCIAL AID FROM GOVT.

Net Profit Of London Olympics In The Neighbourhood Of £ 15,000

(From Vernon Morgan).

LONDON, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter).

FINAL net profit of the 1948 Olympics held in London will be approximately £15,000. This is after deducting all charges and all taxes. What is to be done with the money.

Lord Burghley, the former Olympic hurdler and Chairman of the Olympic Organising Committee told me that the British Olympic Association will use the money to equip and send a first class team to the 1952 Olympic Games at Helsinki.

It looks, therefore, though it is not definitely decided, as if the whole sum of money will be banked until that time arrives and that there will geno distribution to the individual sporting associations as was at one time proposed by some olympic officials.

What happens for the 1956 Olympic Games in Melbourne when the 1948 profits will have been exhausted and for the other Olympiads thereafter?

Lord Burghley did not know but he seemed to be very hopeful that by that time the Government would be helping sport with financial grants for sending teams overseas. He felt that the Government already taking an interest in sport to the extent of providing money for athletic coaches would increase their interest and help in a big way.

Should they fail to do so he did not know where the money was coming from. It had been extremely difficult to raise the £20,000 to send out a very large team to New Zealand for the British Empire Games through private subscription. A much larger sum would be required if anything like a wholly representative team was to be sent to Melbourne.

Lord Burghley, who is a great believer in the good that sport does in this world, is busy preaching the gospel at dinners night after night.

The fact that he is as nimble with his tongue as he used to be with his feet over the hurdles makes him a much sought after dinner speaker, and gives him plenty of opportunity to prove that he is one of Britain's greatest sporting ambassadors.

United Youths' Team For Baroda

BOMBAY, Friday.

United Youths' Cricket Team will commence its 4th annual cricket tour to Baroda on Saturday 24th December, 1949. Fixtures against following team have been arranged:—

1. Baroda Bank Ltd 2 Baroda High School, 3 Gun Fighters XI, 4 Progressive Club XI 5 Baroda College on 25th to 31st December 1949.

The following players will represent the Association:

M. Zubair F. Maniar (Capt.) M. V. Kshirsagar (vice-capt.) Fadal Mahomed, Bipin Oza, A.K. Sadruddin, K.M. Mithaiwalla, N. Shaikh A.S. Urankar, Taj Vahanvatty, Y.Y. Khan, F. E. Pacha, Taher D. Kachwala, N. J. Udvadia, Nimti and Gangoli.

SALARIES OF TWO JUDICIAL OFFICERS

French Authorities Agree To Pay

CHANDERANGORE, Dec. 23, (UPI): It is learnt that the French authorities in Pondicherry yesterday ordered payment of salaries to the Judge and Magistrate of Chandernagore for the month of November and December from the French India budget.

It may be recalled that the suspension of payment to the two judicial officers caused a stir in Delhi and was the subject of a statement by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Indian Parliament a few days ago that the Government of India had taken up the matter with the French authorities.

E. PUNJAB STUDENTS CONGRESS

JULLUNDUR, Dec. 22, (PTI): An annual conference of the East Punjab Students Congress will be held here on January 15, 1950.

Among those who are expected to attend the conference are Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Mr. Rafi Ahmad Kidwai Dr Zakir Hussain Acharya J. B. Kripalani, Giani Gurumukh Singh Musafer and Pro. Jaswant Singh.

SUBHAS BOSE

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI).

SARDAR VALLABHBHAI PATEL, Home Minister, said in Parliament today in reply to Mr. Suresh Chandra Majumdar that all the information in the possession of the Government "leads to the conclusion that Shri Subhas Bose is no longer alive, but the Honourable Member is probably aware that his brother has different views on the subject."

Enquiries made, said Sardar Patel, pointed to the conclusion that Shri Subhas Bose died as a result of an air crash at Taihoku.

REMEDY FOR WORLD CRISIS

M. N. Roy On Necessity Of Humanist Revival

BOMBAY, Friday.

Delivering the second of series of two lectures on "World Crisis and the Need of a New Approach" at a gathering organised under the auspices of the Indian Renaissance Institute, Mr. M. N. Roy said here today that the crisis that the world was facing today was only a crisis of the civilised world and the time had come when the backward countries of the world would feel new movements of thought and culture.

"Although the magnitude of the crisis is vast", he said, "we could make efforts to save civilisation, and man is in a better position now to do so, because man today is equipped with a vast store of knowledge, and as such, is in a better position to overcome the crisis."

The central point of men's efforts in this direction would be through a proper realisation of the necessity of humanist revival, he said.

In the course of an exposition of his ideals of humanism, Mr. Roy said that the motive force of modern civilisation was to regard human life as a value itself. "But", he added, "modern civilisation has forgot its source of inspiration", and deviated from its path. "It was not a wilful deviation" he said, "but it resulted from the inability of harmonising realities with the ideal principles of civilised life."

Indo-Pakistan Trade Deadlock

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23, (PTI): The Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy is expected to make a statement in Parliament tomorrow on the Indo-Pakistan trade deadlock it is learned.

Lobby indications are that the negotiations with the Pakistan Government over the release of five lakhs of bales of jute for which Indian principals have paid money before the devaluation having proved infructuous the Government of India may suspend the operation of the provisions of the Inter-dominion trade agreement pending a statisfactory settlement of the various oustanding issues pertaining to the implementation of the trade agreement with particular reference to the release of five lakhs bales of raw jute.

Following Pakistan's non-devaluation decision, the flow of Inter-Dominion goods has fast dwindled and is now restricted to certain vital commodities which the Government of India is exporting to Pakistan while the imports from Pakistan are infinitesimal.

Transfer Bureau Closed

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): On the recommendations of the Economy Committee, the Government of India have decided to close down the Transfer Bureau altogether the Ministry of Home Affairs announced yesterday.

COMMONWEALTH CONFERENCE

Devaluation Aftermath To Be Discussed

(From our correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

The Commonwealth Conference in Colombo on Jan. 9 will review the effects of devaluation and gauge the trends of trade and the repercussions of the step on the finance of Commonwealth countries. It will also examine how far these countries have implemented the decisions of the Finance Ministers' Conference held recently in London. It will discuss how to resist Communists who are taking advantage of the unsettled economic situation in south-eastern countries, including Burma and Indonesia.

New Delhi believes that efforts should be made to survey the economic situation its future possibilities, and the industrial and financial needs of these countries in order to assess the volume of assistance to be extended to them. It is clearly realised that the Commonwealth is not in a position to assist the development of these countries at the rate that is needed for them in view of the political situation. Britain cannot at present rehabilitate its own economy and at the same time economically arm these countries with finance, capital goods and technical man-power which shall have to come from sources that can spare them.

Some type of Marshall Aid or the taking over of a part of the sterling debt by the U.S.A. appears to be inescapable.

Although not on the agenda of the Conference, the Indo-Pakistan currency deadlock is likely to be discussed. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru is taking a strong team with him to Colombo.

COLOMBO TALKS TO LAST FOR 10 DAYS

List Of Official Delegates

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (U.P.I): The Commonwealth Conference on foreign affairs will commence in Colombo on Monday January 9 and will probably last for about 10 days, though the Conference will endeavour, if possible, to complete its work in about a week, says a press communique issued by the Ministry of External Affairs.

The Conference is being held to enable an exchange of ideas to take place between the Commonwealth countries on various aspects of the present international situation. In addition to the meetings on international affairs, there will be a parallel series of meetings on an official level to discuss various general economic questions of interest to the Commonwealth.

The following will be the principal delegates.

INDIA: The Hon'ble Pt. Nehru, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, and Dr. V. V. Giri, Indian High Commissioner in Ceylon.

UNITED KINGDOM: The Rt Hon'ble Ernest Bevin, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Rt. Hon'ble Phillip Noel Baker, Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations.

CANADA: The Rt. Hon'ble Lester Pearson, Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Rt. Hon'ble R. W. Mayhew, Minister of Fisheries.

AUSTRALIA: The Rt. Hon'ble T. C. Spender, Minister for External Affairs.

NEW ZEALAND: The Rt. Hon'ble Mr. F. W. Doidge, Minister for External Affairs.

SOUTH AFRICA: The Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Paul Sauer, Minister for Transport.

PAKISTAN: The Rt. Hon'ble Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan, Minister of External Affairs Mr. M. Ikramullah, Secretary for Foreign Affairs Mr. Mumtaz Hassan, Finance Ministry, Dr. Nazir Ahmed, Economic Affairs Ministry and Mr. S. R. Hasnie, Commerce Ministry.

CEYLON: The Rt. Hon'ble Mr. Senanayake, Prime Minister and Minister of External Affairs, Senator the Rt. Hon'ble Dr. L. A. Nrajapakse, Minister of Justice, the Rt. Hon'ble Mr. J. R. Jayawardene Minister of Finance, Mr. R. G. Senanyake, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of External Affairs.

SOUTHERN RHODESIA: Mr. D. B. H. Communings, Under Secretary Treasury and Mr. R. Rushmere.

ROLE OF BANKS IN RURAL AREAS

Reply To Questionnaire

BOMBAY, Friday.

Commercial banks cannot play a very useful role in the rural areas according to Mr. V. P. Varde, Honorary Secretary of the Bombay Provincial Co-operative Institute.

In a note replying to the questionnaire of the Rural Banking Enquiry Committee, he stated that any subsidised extension of commercial banking to rural areas was "not only uncalled for but positively harmful to the countryside especially as co-operative banks have already established a network of banking services in the rural areas."

Mr. Varde expressed the opinion that although the higher trend in prices had increasingly worked to the advantage of the cultivator, it did not mean he had become prosperous.

Formosa Humming

TAIPEH (Formosa) Dec. 23, (PTI-Reuter): Intense activity has been reported within the Chinese Nationalist Foreign Office during the past 48 hours in preparation for expected British recognition of Communist China.

Semi-official quarters predicted that British withdrawal of recognition would not affect commercial relations between Britain and the "remaining Nationalist territory, notably Taiwan (Formosa).

WITHDRAW THE RESIGNATIONS

Kher's Advice To Karnatak MLAs.

BOMBAY, Friday.

Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay, today earnestly hoped that the Karnatak legislators would revoke their resignations and abide by the decision of the Congress Working Committee.

Talking to pressmen this morning, Mr. Kher said that the Congress High Command could not have taken any other decision on the Karnatak issue in the circumstance. "Discipline is of the utmost importance and I have no doubt that good sense of the Karnatak members will enable them to work for their objective in a constitutional manner" the Premier added.

He also disclosed that at a conference of the representatives of the B.P.C.C., M.P.C.C. and Gujerat Provincial Congress Committee held today at the Premier's residence, 12 members have been selected for election to the Constituent Assembly to fill the vacancies which have arisen following the abolition of duel membership.

CAPITAL OF ANDHRA

Partition Committee Discusses Location

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (P.T.I): The question of location of the capital of the Andhra Province was discussed by the Partition Committee at its meeting today, it was learnt. Matters relating to the division of assets and liabilities were also considered.

It was learnt from reliable sources that the Andhra members expressed the view that Madras City should be the temporary capital of the new Province, pending the selection of a suitable permanent capital.

EXTERNAL DEGREE IN ARTS

Poona University Scheme

MIRAJ, Dec. 23 (U P D): The University of Poona was expected to introduce shortly an "External Degree" in Arts courses, declared Principal S. V. Dandekar, Member of the Court and the Executive Council of the Poona University in an interview in Miraj.

Principal Dandekar added that the External Degree scheme was doubly useful in that it would enable all working people to go through a degree course and would also enable an age authorities to endorse strict discipline in the case of regular students. The scheme would, therefore decidedly raise the standard of university education and tighten up discipline in colleges.

News BRIEFS

REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Mohanlal Gautam, Member of Parliament, will represent India at the meeting of the executive committee of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Paris on December 26. He is the only member on the committee from Asian countries.

U. S. I.

Jonkheer Michiels Van Verduynen, Dutch Ambassador in London, called on British Foreign Secretary Bevin yesterday to request British recognition of the United States of Indonesia, an authoritative source said in London.

SAVING

The Madras Government expects to say. Rs. 52,00,000 this year as a result of implementation of some of the recommendations of the Retrenchment and Reorganisation Committee, according to a paper laid on the orovincial Legislative Council.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY has published an Order in Part I of the Bombay Government Gazette Extraordinary, dated the 22nd December, 1949, amending further the Schedule to the Bombay Drugs Control Order, 1949. Copies of the Order can be obtained from the Government Book Depot, Charni Road, Bombay.

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REVISED RATION QUANTUM

Foodgrains ration quantum for the 52nd Rationing Week commencing from Sunday, December 25, 1949 to Saturday, December 31, 1949, has been fixed as follows:—

Total Cereal Ration Per Week	Per Adult (2 Foodgrains Units).	For Child (1 Foodgrains Unit).	For Heavy Manual Labourer's Supplementary Ration Card of One Unit.
Total Cereal Ration Per Week	84 ozs.	42 ozs.	28 ozs.
Maximum available in Rice of which	20 ozs.	10 ozs.	4 ozs.
Maximum available in (a) Raw Rice Sort I-A (if available) or (b) Raw Rice Sort I or (c) Boiled Rice Sort I (if available) or (d) Boiled Rice Sort II (if available) or	20 ozs.	10 ozs.	4 ozs.
(e) Raw Rice Sort II	12 ozs.	6 ozs.	Nil
Maximum available in Bajri (available only against equivalent quantity of rice or wheatgrain).	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.
Maximum available in Wheat* of which	56 ozs.	28 ozs.	20 ozs.
(a) Maximum available in Wheatgrain	32 ozs.	16 ozs.	16 ozs.
(b) Maximum available in Wheatflour	56 ozs.	28 ozs.	20 ozs.
(c) Additional Wheatgrain or Wheatflour available in exchange for Rice quantum	20 ozs.	10 ozs.	4 ozs.

(The combined ration of Rice, Wheatgrain and Bajri should not exceed 52 ozs. and in case of supplementary rations 20 ozs. wheatflour or milo cannot be exchanged for Bajri).

Maximum available in Milo (if available)	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.
Maximum available in Dehusked Barley	8 ozs.	4 ozs.	4 ozs.

(16 ozs make one lb.)

* Bread Tickets can be obtained within the permissible quantity of wheat available in the ration quantum at the rate of one Bread Unit for 28 ozs. of wheat ration. One Bread Unit is equivalent to 28 ozs. of bread. Bread is only available on Bread Tickets during the week marked on the tickets and upto Saturday of the following week.

As a measure to reduce consumption of Rice, cardholders are allowed to draw their rice quota wholly or in part in wheatgrain or wheatflour. The combined Rice-Wheat quota should not exceed 76 ozs. of which only 20 ozs. will be available in Rice.

SUGAR

The quantum of Sugar for the 52nd Rationing Week will be 6 ozs. per ration card.

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ON THE INDIAN SCREEN

Nargis and Jairaj in "Roomal"

Gala Opening Of 'Namoona'

That long-awaited screen event, "NAMOONA" is at last here, released at the Excelsior, Novelty, Neptune, and Krishna, (Kalyan). This important film has been produced on a large scale, and stars a host of firm favourites. The leads are played by Kamini Kaushal and Dev Anand, while the cast includes such famous names as Kishore Sahu and Leela Chitnis.

There is quite a lot of technical talent too. The story is by Dr. P. C. Jain, the lyrics by Santoshi and Nakshab and the songs have been set to the lilting music of the popular C. Ramchandra.

"Naach" Retains Hold On Public

Showing to crowded houses at all theatres where it has been released, Kuldip Sehgal's "Naach" is a well-produced film which, besides narrating a purposeful story, also stars the beautiful Suraiya with Shyam, Yashodhara, Wasti and Raj Mehra. Husanlal and Bhagatram have given a very tuneful music score and many of the songs have become prime favourites with Bombay picture goers.

"NISHAN" PLAYS TO PACKED HOUSES

Gemini Studios' fine historical thriller remains at the Opera House, Jai Hind and Rivoli with undiminished splendour. A powerful Dumas adaptation, well directed and acted vigorously by Ranjan and Nagendra Rao, the film has Bhanumati cast in the female lead. Technically this film is a marvel, and the duelling scenes are some of the best ever brought to the screen. The film is well worth a visit.

"SINGAAR" A DRAMA OF CONFLICT

Well produced, intelligently directed and enacted with artistry by the principals, "Singaar" which opened recently at the Liberty, is proving immensely popular with students of psychology and with seekers of pure entertainment, as is evident by the number of "Full House" signs at the commencement of each show.

Suraiya, forsaking her musical comedy manner, has attempted a completely different type of characterisation. She has a part that calls for a great deal of ability. Aiding her ably is Jairaj, a doctor who, shocked by a woman's death during child-birth, develops an irrational hatred both for his wife and for his infant son.

Before he ultimately comes to his senses, he passes through a veritable maelstrom of passions, and this makes for a great drama on the screen Madhubala acts with distinction as the "other woman", who, though she bears an all compelling love towards the doctor, loses him at the last. The direction is appropriate and keeps the dramatic material wellknit throughout veteran J. K. Nanda is the man behind the megaphone. Khurshid Anwar has done a cretitable job as music director.

"ROOMAL" NEXT WEEK

Said to be a powerful dramatic tale which keeps the audience spell-bound, "Roomal" stars that popula: combinatio:n of three years ago, Nargis and Rehman, with Jairaj cast as Rehman's elder brother who is willing to risk his reputation, nay, his very life, in order to save his brother. Jeevan, Pratima Devi, Badri Prasad and Majnu head the supporting cast in "Roomal", which was directed by Ramchandra Thakur. The picture opens next week at the Excelsior and Krishna.

"Bholi" Postponed For A Week

Due to unavoidable circumstances, Murli Movietone's "Bholi" which was due to be released at the Capitol this week has been put forward to the 30th.

"Bholi" deals with a simple and innocent village maiden, who, coming to the city, falls desperately in love with a man and is betrayed by him. Director Ram Daryani has turned this material into an exciting screenplay.

The stars of the picture are Geeta Bali, Prem Adib, Shashikala and comedian Gope. Some melodious numbers have been written for this picture by Pandit Gobindram.

"EK THI LARKI"

That popular and talented actor Motilal makes a welcome return in the new Roop K. Shorey production "Ek Thi Larki", which is soon to be released in Bombay. Reported to be brimful with humorous incidents arising out of various misunderstandings, the film provides Motilal full scope for exploitation of the several humorous situations. The film is said to be built along novel lines, and producer Shorey has promised us a tuneful musical score as well.

"SHALIMAR" OPENS AT DAULAT

Set in the colourful period of Moghul history, "Shalimar", which comes to the Dawlat Talkies this week, is a historical subject in which there are plenty of dramatic events. The late Chandramohan heads the cast, while prominent in support are Manorama, Begum Para, Al Nasir, and Majnu. The film has been produced and directed by Roop Shorey.

MUHURAT OF "DOLTI NAIYA"

There was a pleasant function at the Famous Cine Laboratory at Tardeo, on Friday Last, when S. M. Yusuf commenced his new social venture "Dolti Nayya."

The picture is being produced by Mirza Musarraf, while reputed director S. M. Yusuf is in charge of direction. The music has been entrusted to that fine instrumentalist Ram Pershad. The film stars Wasti, Manorama, Shyam Dulari and Cuckoo. It is being launched under the banner of Shan-e-Hind Pictures.

Shashikala and Satish in "Nazaare".

"NAZAARE" IN 9th WEEK

Showing at the New West End, Broadway and Bandra Talkies, Ranjit's "Nazaare" continues to draw enthusiastic crowds. The film has set a new standard of excellence in the presentation of its comedy material.

The witty dialogue, the fire, the dash and the carefree abandon of the artists; all these mark "Nazaare" as something rich and rare in screen entertainment.

Starring in the picture are Shashikala and Aga, aided by a strong cast. The direction was in the hands of Prahlad Dutt, while the music has been provided by Bulo C. Rani.

"MATHRUBHOOMI" AT NATIONAL

Released through Free India Pictures Ltd., at the National theatre, this film marks Ishwarlal's debut as an independent producer. With gorgeous sets and colourful costumes, this picture stars a number of top-notch performers. Leading the cast of the film is Ishwarlal himself in a role well suited to his talents. Names like Para Devi, Bhagwandas, Revashankar and Mubarak figure prominently in the cast. Bristling with action and thrills, the period of the film is set in ancient days, when maids were really maids and men marched under the banner of chivalry.

"RAKHI" DUE FOR NEW YEAR

That eagerly awaited Prakash picture "Rakhi" fresh from a triumphal tour of the main northern Indian centres, arrives next week at three theatres. It will have a simultaneous release at the Lamington, the Kismet and the City Light.

The film possesses an array of stellar material, and the leads are enacted by Kamini Kaushal, Karan Diwan, Ulhas, Kuldeep Kaur and Yashodhara Katju. Shums Lucknavi is responsible for the dialogues and lyrics, while Husanlal and Bhagatram have handled the music. Director Shantikumar Dave has accentuated the emotional element of this film, with the result that "Rakhi" is said to be a dramatic feast.

KARDAR'S "NATAK" IN FOURTH WEEK

Following in the wake of "Dillagi" and "Dard", Kardar's latest, "Natak" is doing well at the Super, where it enters its fourth week. As in Kardar's previous productions, the Kardar-Suraiya-Naushad combination seems to click. The latter has written no less than ten songs for the delectation of audiences, and these have been brought to life by the beautiful singing of Suraiya. Sunny is the director of the film while the song lyrics are by Shakil and Kumar.

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—S. P.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 23 (PTI).—About 50 per cent of the National Savings Certificates given to the textile workers in part payment of their bonus for 1948 have been cashed so far, it is learnt officially.

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came to them from the President of the Constituent Assembly in the same way the Ministry would deal with demands from departments of governments.

This expenditure was defrayed on the authority of the President of the Constituent Assembly, and the Finance Minister would, therefore, decline to enter into discussions. The Finance Minister could proceed only on the authority of the President who was final so far as the Finance Ministry was concerned. As regards the expenditure on electoral rolls, there was a great deal of common work to be done by the provinces and States in respect of the central and provincial rolls and the demand represented fifty per cent of the extra expenditure likely to be incurred by the provinces and States.

PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Mr. H. V. Kamath (Central Provinces) moved a cut motion to the demand for Rs. 50,000 for the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, to discuss the organisation and mode of working of the Department, which was created after the budget session.

Mr. Kamath wanted to know what were the exact functions and powers of the Department and the Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, the relations between the Assembly Secretariat and the Secrearist of the Minister and also the strength of the staff employed and the work being done by them.

Mr. Kamath said that Mr. Satyanarain Sinha's colleagues in the House were glad he was elevated to be a Minister of State but were sorry to see him functioning as "a Stepney Minister".

"The only occasion in which he participates in the House is on those rare occasions, which are tending to become frequent, when Ministers are absent and he burdened at the last moment with the duty of answering questions on their behalf". This was unfair to him and to the House. Mr. Kamath hoped the Prime Minister would see that matters were set right as "the House is getting worried on the subject." The demand for Rs. 5,000 a month was not large, "considering the work that Mr. Sinha is doing"

But he would like to know the number of secretaries, private secretaries nd other estblishment of the Department.

Mr. Shibbanlal Saksena: "That is the cheapest Ministry".

Mr. Kamath: We are glad it is cheap but we do not want the work to become cheap".

Mr. Kamath said that from the circular supplied to the members, it was evident that no subject had been allotted to the Minister. He wanted to know whether some specific subjects would be allotted to him in the near future or he would "do disposal of business 'ad hoc' on whatever files are sent to him".

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said he had no quarrel with the enhancement in the status of the Chief Whip by making him a Minister, but when a department was being created he wanted to know what its functions were. The functions of the Chief Whip of the House of Commons had been defined as 'to make the House, to keep the House and cheer the ministers". This meant that he had to see that there was quorum in the House and explain the Ministers' motions to the members before and see that they agree to it.

"As far as the attendance in the House is concerned, sometimes we do not see the Chief Whip at all, and the bell has to be rung".

As regards "cheering the Minister", Mr. Sidhwa said, he was not very much concerned as it would only mean he (the Chief Whip) would be bringing "too much pressure on the members".

APPOINTMENT, DECORATIVE

But he wanted to know whether the Finance Minister was satisfied that the appointments to the Department were not "decorative'. "I get more information from the office of the Assembly" Mr. Sidhwa said, "than from the Parliamentary Affairs office."

He had rung up last night to find out about the business of the House for today and while at the Assembly office he got response from an Assistant Secretary, there was nobody in the Parliamentary Affairs office. If the Department of Parliamentary Affirs was going to be set up to help the members, it should be well-established and he would vote for it. "But if the office was for private secretaries and personal assistants, I cannot vote."

Without discussion, the House sanctioned a demand under central excise duties for Rs. 39,50,000. The demand was made for the purpose of reimbursement to the West Bengal Government on account of the cost of police force supplied by them in connection with the establishment of customs cordon along the Indo-Pakistan land frontier and payment of increased compensation to the Government of Madras for suspension of provincial measures of taxation on wholesale trade in tobacco. The annual amount now fixed for payment to Madras was Rupees fifty-six lakhs instead of at Rupees twenty-two lakhs before April 1, 1949.

The third demand for Rs. 1,16,30,000 under the head Constituent Assembly provoked a series of questions from members for the purpose of eliciting information on the details of expenditure, though the Speaker ruled that it was contrary to parliamentary practice to discuss the items of expenditure, authorised by the President of the Constituent Assembly. The demand, which was granted included Rs. 17,20,000 incurred by the Constituent Assembly by way of increased expenditure due to extra sessions and the retention of the Assembly Secretariat for one year instead of six months only, Rs. 98,50,000 as payments to provinces and States of fifty per cent of the total extra cost incurred by them in the preparation of electoral rolls for the House of the People and Rs. sixty thousand for the purpose of setting up of the Election Commission.

Replying to the debate, Dr. John Matthai said that the Department had been set up for the first time and until they had gained experience it would not be possible to give any sort of precise definition of the duties and functions of the Chief Whip.

DUTIES OF CHIEF WHIP

Concrete Definition Not Possible

The U.P.I. adds: The main business of the Chief Whip not only in India but in other countries also, said the Finance Minister, was to act as an instrument of co-ordination and effecting a liaison between the various sections which came in the parliamentary picture, between the Ministers and the House and between individual members and the House. These duties could only be performed at present on a basis which was fairly elastic and flexible and could not be defined in concrete terms. As Parliament developed in this country under the new Constitution it would be possible for them to give a concrete definition to the duties of the Chief Whip on the lines in the U. K.

With regard to the suggestions regarding future duties, the Minister said he would place the suggestions before the Prime Minister and he had no doubt that he would give fullest consideration to them.

He said the organisation of the office and the expenditure required for running this organisation were drawn up on the basis of a report which the Secretary of this House made on examination that he personally made in the United Kingdom regarding the organisation of the Chief Whip there. The organisation that they had set up, added the Minister, was very limited in the character and the expenditure was far less than commensurate with the duties and responsibilities of the organisation.

He had no doubt that as parliamentary system developed in the country, far more duties would be assigned to the Chief Whip and he was personally more than satisfied that the provision was absolutely justified and entirely reasonable.

POSTAGE AND TELEGRAMS

The demands for Rs. 2,12,000 for the Ministry of External Affairs and Rs. 84,000 for the Ministry of Works Mines and Power were passed without any cut motion being moved.

In reply to questions by Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh and Mr. Mahabir Tyagi, Dr. B. V. Keskar explained that the additional expenditure on postage and telegrams incurred by the Ministry of External Affairs appeared large because whatever communication the other Ministries had to send to foreign countries had to be sent through the External Affairs Ministry. Therefore, he wanted to make it clear to the House the expenditure shown against postage and telegrams was not entirely due to the telegrams sent on behalf of the External Affairs Ministry alone.

With regard to the suggestion that only a summary of their news bulletin be sent by cablegram to their embassies abroad Dr. Keskar said that such a procedure had been tried but it was later found that it was inadequate. They had now instituted another system of sending the bulletin by wireless which involved less expenditure and achieved better results. Some increase in the expenditure had been due to the recent devaluation, although he could not give the exact percentage of increase due to that. He also assured the House that the Ministry was taking all steps to eliminate all extravagant and unnecessary expenditure.

The House agreed to the demands under the headings "Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry for Works Mines, and Power".

AUDIT

The demand for Rs. 29,76,000 was also voted by the House without much discussion, under the heading "Audit"

Mr. Upendranath Barman wanted to know whether there was any scheme under contemplation by the Government to increase the staff in the audit section. The accounts of some departments went without any audit at all, he said, due to paucity of audit staff.

The Speaker said that the information asked for by Mr. Barman went much beyond the scope of the demand.

Replying to various questions by different members, Dr. Matthai said that the Finance Ministry and he himself had been in constant consultation with the Auditor-General in regard to the necessity to recruit additional audit staff. The recruitment so far done was on a permanent basis. He did not know of any particular cases of delay in passing T. A. bills as had been mentioned by Dr. Deshmukh. However, he said the Auditor-General was not concerned with that subject. Delays might have occurred in respective department in passing the T. A. Bills However, if individual cases of delay causing hardship were brought to his notice, he would go into them.

SHIPPING

The demand for Rs. 7,00,000 under "Ports and Pilotage" was passed by the House.

Mr. Sidhwa asked whether this large expenditure was on account of the appointment of the Director-General of Shipping.

Mr. K. C. Neogy, Commerce Minister said that it was not the Commerce Ministry's choice that the Director-General of Shipping was appointed. The Economy Committee had itself suggested the creation of such a post, However, the increased expenditure was not due to the establishment of the Director-General of Shipping. Any further reduction under that item was not possible, he said.

Another demand for Rs. 4,36,000 on tribal areas was passed.

In respect to the demand for Rs. 40,83,000 for External Affairs, Mr. B. Das said that the Government of India should take steps to see that the expenses incurred by their embassies abroad were not in any way extravagant.

Mr. H. V. Kamath wanted to know which of the stations abroad had become more costly during recent months. He suggested that in order to reduce should be used as far as possible.

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa said that if the Government could go to the rescue of African depositors, they should also expenditure on telegrams, air mail go to the rescue of Indian depositors.

EMBASSIES ABROAD

Mr. Raj Bahadur (Rajasthan) said that when India was passing through an economic crisis, it was not right to spend money on palatial buildings for housing embassies abroad. The embassies of other countries were often housed in a suite or two in hotels. The Chilean Ambassador in Delhi in fact had his office in the Constitution House (members' hostel).

Mr. Thirumala Rao (Madras) asked whether the payment to African depositors of the Exchange Bank was being made on a reciprocal oasis or as a matter of prestige to cover the "dishonesty of our nationals."

Mr. P. B. Himmatsingka (West Bengal) asked whether it was a fact that some of the Indian embassies in the East looked like third class waiting rooms despite the extra expenditure incurred on them.

DR. KESKAR'S REPLY

Dr. B. V. Keskar replying to the debate said that if the Ministry had not effected a saving of Rs. 27 lakhs the supplementary demands would have been greater. The increase in expenditure, he said, was due to three factors. Firstly, increase in expenditure in hard currency areas due to devaluation; secondly, some Indian missions having been able to secure residences for their staff which was a non-recurriug expenditure and thirdly, the opening of new missions. He assured the House that instructions had been issued to embassies to effect as much economy as possible. The staff had not been increased and on the other hand staff had been decreased wherever possible with due regard to efficiency.

EXCHANGE BANK FAILURE

'Ex Gratia' Payment To African Depositors

The Finance Minister Dr. Matthai said Rs. one lakh was sanctioned by the Cabinet for payment to East African nationals against their deposits in the Exchange Bank of India and Africa on political grounds. This, he said, had no relation with the steps that were being taken now.

He said a considerable number of African nationals in East Africa were subjected to loss and hardship on account of the failure of the bank. The result of that was that the relation between Indians and Africans there became strained and a certain amount of bitterness developed because the Africans thought that they had been put to loss by Indians who were running the branch there. The matter was reported to the Prime Minister by the Indian Commissioner there.

The matter was considered by the Cabinet entirely from that angle and the Cabinet sanctioned Rs. 1 lakh for payment of "ex gratia" to the poorest class of African depositors at the rate of 50 per cent of their deposits. The Indian Commissioner had been given the discretion in this matter and he could also make payment to the poorest Indian depositors.

Mr. Mahabir Tyagi asked if further sums would be granted if Rs. one lakh was found short of the needs.

The Minister said if on the basis of payment of 50 per cent of the deposits the amount was exhausted there was the end of it.

The demand was accepted.

The House passed next the demand for Rs. 29,55,000 on civil works.

The next demand for Rs. 1,000 under miscellaneous was agreed to by the House after a brief debate when a number of questions were raised.

The Commerce Minister Mr. K. C. Neogy said the original estimate for the Fiscal Commission was Rs. 3,53,600 but it had been reduced to Rs. 2,36,400. The Commission was expected to complete its enquiries by the end of the current financial year. But for certain other reasons he said, they could not complete the work by that date.

AID TO KASHMIR

The Finance Minister Dr. Matthai told Mr. Sidhwa that the aid to Kashmir was in the form of loan and it was recoverable from the State.

A supplementary grant of Rs. 3,25,00,000 on account of expenditure on refugees was then moved by the Finance Minister.

The Minister of Rehabilitation informed the House that while expenditure on relief was taken as a grant that on rehabilitation was considered as a loan taken by provinces and losses if any, were shared by the Centre and the provinces on fifty-fifty basis.

The Centre, he further said had to incur expenses to maintain unattached women and children for whom a number of colonies were being set up.

HOUSING

As regards housing, he assured the House that no displaced person would be without a roof above his head, may be a mud hut or a brick built tenement—when the next summer came.

The question of providing employment, however, was not so easy, but he was glad to inform the House that the Ministry had been able to secure the services of 7 technicians from Japan and also some machinery to help provide gainful occupation to displaced persons

The Minister emphasised that the object of the Government was to liquidate the problem of displaced persons as speedily as possible. The Government he said, had appointed a high powers committee to go into the question and consider how the problem could best be liquidated within 2 years. As soon as the report of the Committee was received, the Government would formulate their plans accordingly, he said.

The demand was then passed by the House. A guillotine was applied at this stage and all other demands were also passed by the House without any discussion.

The other demands were:—Andaman and Nicobar Islands: Rs. 1,53,000; Relations with Indian States: Rs. 16,26,000; Capital Outlay on Currency: Rs. 79,12,53,000; Delhi Capital Outlay: Rs. 41,13,000; For Railways Audit: Rs. 3,82,000; Miscellaneous Expenditures: Rs. 25,64,000; Ordinary Working Expenses Administration: Rs. 1,000 and Open Line Works Conditions: Rs. 1,000.

The House then, without any discussion, referred two Bills to two select committees.

The first Bill was moved by the Finance Minister to amend the Banking Companies Act 1949.

To incorporate in the Banking Companies Act the special provisions of the Banking Companies (Amendment) Ordinance 1949, for the speedy disposal of winding up proceedings of banking companies in the interests of creditors and public morality.

The Bill also sought to amend the Banking Companies Act 1949, for various other purposes.

The second Bill moved by the Labour Minister sought to provide for the establishment of an Appellate Tribunal in relation to industrial disputes and for certain incidental matters.

The Labour Minister also moved another Bill for reference to a select committee, namely, the Mines Bill, to amend and consolidate the law relating to, the regulation of labour and safety in mines so as to place the Mines Act on the lines of the Factory Act.

Mr. Kamath, however, speaking on the Bill said that it was an important bill and he would like the Minister to give more detailed information regarding conditions in mines in different countries.

Mr. Kamath had not concluded his speech when the House rose for the day.

QUESTION HOUR

RAIDS ACROSS THE BORDER

All Possible Steps Taken To Prevent Recurrence

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23. (PTI):

SETH GOVIND DAS asked in Parliament today whether Government were aware that raids by Pakistan nationals into Indian territory on the border were very frequent.

Sardar Baldev Singh Defence Minister, said in a written reply that Government were aware of that fact and had taken all possible steps to stop recurrence of such raids.

"But it will be appreciated that it is not always possible to prevent minor raids even across the best guarded frontier in any country" he declared.

Sardar Baldev Singh said in reply to Mr. V. C. Kesava Rao that the number of recruits enrolled in the Territorial Army throughout India from the date of recruitment namely October 9, 1949, upto November 22, 1949 was 971. The target for the units to be raised in 1949-50 was 26,484.

RULERS' DURBARS

Replying to Mr. R. L. Malaviya, Sardar Patel said that the permission of the Government of India was not necessary for the holding of durbars by the rulers in their capitals on the occasion of national festivals.

Mr. Ajit Prasad: Do Government have any objection to the holding of a mock durbar? (laughter).

Sardar Patel: Of members of parliament? (loud laughter).

Sardar Patel told Dr. Bakhshi Tek Chand that upto October 31, 1949, loans amounting to rupees three and half crores were advanced to the Jammu and Kashmir State.

Sardar Patel said in reply to Mr. H. V. Kamath that there was a large number of rare Sanskrit manuscripts in the fort of Bikaner. These manuscripts were the private property of the Maharaja but as far as was known, research facilities had not been withdrawn by him.

Dr. John Mattahai, Finance Minister, said in reply to Mr. Kamath that Government were not aware of any reluctance on the part of the public and the trade to accept nickel rupees.

Sardar Baldev Singh in a written reply to Mr. Lakshmi-Narayan Sahu denied that any circular had been issued that "Blitz" should be discouraged in the Army Headquarters or elsewhere in the army.

ARMY AND POLITICS

Replying to Mr. Damoder Swarup Seth, Sardar Baldev Singh described as "completely untrue" the allegation that instructions had been issued by the Defence Ministry that all ranks should be discouraged from reading non-Congress papers and literature.

Sardar Baldev Singh said in answer to Mr. A. C. Guha that it was the policy of the Government to keep the army free from any political influence.

Replying to Mr. Gokul Lal Asava, **Sardar Patel said that scarcity conditions prevailed in a major portion of Jodhpur and a part of Udaipur division.**

Mr. Mehta referred to a hunger-strike against the alleged inaction of the Rajasthan Government.

Sardar Patel said that the question did not arise but if it was true that someone had gone on a hunger-strike "that will spare some food for the scarcity area."

Mr. Kamath asked Government what steps they proposed to take against any foreign film producer from "abusing our hospitality" by producing anti-Indian films in the country.

Mr. Diwakar Minister of State for information and Broadcasting, said that the question had been referred to the Film Enquiry Committee and when its recommendations were received, suitable action would be taken.

He added that no permission was needed for a foreign film producer to take pictures in India. He was not aware what the position was in occasion of national festivals.

Mr. Diwakar told Mr. Kamat hthat the script on which the film "Kim" was based, it was understood, was not anti-Indian.

Mr. Kamath had asked whether Government were aware that Rudyard Kipling's book "Kim" on which the film was based, was anti-Indian in parts.

Sardar Patel said in a written reply to Maulana Hasarat Mohani that it was a fact that permission was granted to the Socialist Party Jama Masjid unit, for taking out a procession on November 29, 1949, protesting against the prevailing blackmarketing corruption and bribery.

BURMESE DEBT

The Finance Minister Dr. John Matthai, said that he estimated the amount due from the Burma Government against separation debts, interest due, and also pension payments, at about Rupees 64 crores.

Dr. John Matthai, Finance Minister said in a written reply to Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu in Parliament that the expenditure incurred on the Economy Committee of the Government of India was Rs. 2,51,850.

SECRETARIES

Sardar Patel said in a written reply to Mr. P. Kunhiraman that the number of secretaries in Ministries and Departments other than Railways was 25, Joint Secretaries 41, Deputy Secretaries 95 and Under-Secretaries and Assistant Secretaries 247. In addition the Railway Ministry had 42 officers of comparable status.

M. L. A.S GET A BRUSH-UP

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI).

MR. MAHAVIR TYAGI (United Provinces) complained in the Dominion Parliament today, when it was discussing a supplementary demand by the Works Ministry for urgent repairs that M.L.A.'s quarters had not been white-washed. He said he had been told by the Overseer of the Department that the Ministry had decided not to whitewash them this year and wanted to know whether it was a fact.

MR. GADGIL: The M.L.As do not require any whitewash.

MR. TYAGI: Yes. But the Ministry requires to be whitewashed. (Loud laughter).

MR. GADGIL: Then grant the demand which includes whitewashing of M.L.A.'s houses also.

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FURTHER RISE IN TATA STEELS

Cotton Mill Shares Improve On Moderate Buying

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The local Share Bazar was open today for one hour and during this small session, there was active buying in Steel Shares which reached higher levels on persistent buyings and short covering. As pointed out before the market feeling remains bullish and as the market is moving up new buyers are stepping in. Old bulls liquidated most of their holdings while shorts were forced to cover their unprotected sales. Thus the year-end session closed firm with robust bullish feeling.

Tata Steel Defd. Shares opened today at Rs. 1570|- against. Yesterday's close at Rs. 1557|8 and steadily moved up at Rs. 1587|8. Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 322|- and advanced at Rs. 327|-. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 31|3.

Cotton Mill Shares were also influenced by the firmness in the Steel Section. Bombay Dyeings opened closed at Rs. 1080/- and Kohinoors were done at Rs. 304/- Swadeshi Shares were placed at Rs. 276/-.

Bombay Burmas were done at Rs. 375/- and Scindias improved further at Rs. 15/9. Closing tone was very steady with Tata Steel Defds. quoted at Rs. 1590/-.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES

Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1080	0
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	304	0
Swadesh Mills (12-4)	276	0
Central India Mills (6)	257	0
Simplex Mills (9-8) XD	209	0
New Great Eastern (8)	165	0
Indore	132	8
Gokak Mills (12)	273	0
Century Spinning (15)	243	1
Swan Mills (20)	317	0
Ispahan Bleaching (6)	147	0
Finlay Mills (15)	275	0
Morarji Goculdas (S) 7d	442	8
Edward Sassoon (30)	237	8
Meyer (12)	112	8
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 15	3
India United Ord. (0-12-0)	12	3
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 15	9
Madhusudan Mills (15)	175	0
Podar (S)	145	0
Khatau Makanji (5)	180	0
Swadeshi Coupon	68	0
STEEL SHARES		
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	327	8
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1590	0
Tata Steel 2nd Pref.	138	0
CEMENT		
Associated Cement (6)	156	4
INDUSTRIES		
Burma (12-3)	375	0
Belapur Sugar (9)	230	0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	34	0
Scindia Steam (0-8)	15	9
Premier Construction	103	8
Tata Chemical	13	10
Tata Oil (2)	55	0
Indian Iron (As. 12)	31	3
Bengal Steel (0-12)	23	8
British Indian Corp. (0-9)	9	5
Indian Copper	2 6	3
Wimco	215	0
Alcock	290	0
ELECTRIC SHARES		
Tata Power (25)	1505	0
Andhra Valley (25)	1425	0
Tata Hydro (3)	153	0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS

Elphinstone Mills (5)	61	0
Phoenix (50)	136	4
Indian Mfg.	2920	0
Kuria XD	125	0
Colaba (12)	119	8
New City (11)	185	0
Minerva (12)	140	0
Bradbury (12)	530	0
Bharuchs Defd. (0-4)	5	0
Bharat Mills (2)	32	0
Mysore (4)	182	8
Model Mills (12-8)	178	12
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	692	8
Vishnu Cotton (8)	228	12
Western India (40)	292b	0
Standard (15)	227	8
Sholapur Mills (200)	2850	0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16	8
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000	0
Tata Mills (2-4))	55	0
Ahmedabad Advance (9)	240	0
New Ahmedabad	196	0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	32	0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15	14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35	0
Shimiyas Mills (S)	171	4
Raja Bahadur (4)	62	0
Berar Mills	250	0
Victoria Mills	225	0
ELECTRIC (CASH)		
Ahmedabad Electric (1-8)	130	0
Ahmedabad New	76	12
Surat Electric	131	4
Karachi Electric (2)	136	14
Broach (0-5)	6	12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10	6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12	4
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26	8
Poona Electricity Supply (8)	141	4
Bombay Suburban (3)	158	2
Bombay Suburban New	85	0
BANK SHARES		
Imperial Bank of India (35)	1805	0
Imperial Bank P (8-12)	445	0
Central Bank (1-8)	83	0
Central Bank New (1-8)	83	8
Bank of India (4)	176	0
Union (0-3)	7	2
Baroda (2-8)	123	0
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	37	0
United Commercial (1-8)	50	8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35	8
Hindustan Commercia.	17	0
Mysore Bank (8)	305	0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94	0
INSURANCE SHARES		
Oriental (125)	4250	
Empire (10)	571	4
New India (1-7)	60	12
Jupiter (0-12)	13	0
Vulcan (0-10)	12	0
Indian Mercantile (2)	36	0
Universal (0-4)	11	4
B. I. G. (1)	14	10
Industrial and Prudential	26	8
Neptune	7	0
New Great	25	0
All India General	14	0
RAILWAY SHARES		
C.P (1-14) XD	113	8
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES		
Steamer (103)	241	0
Bombay Burma New (5)	128	12
Burma Petrol	1	5 6
Mackenzie (6)	90	0
Port Canning (3)	61	0
Kemp and Co. (30)	362	8
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125	0
Industrial Invest Trust (5-12)	88	4
Dharamsey Chemical (3)	40	0
Mukund Iron	13	0
Dena Drust (0-12)	17	0
Alembic (15)	148	12
Supreme Industries	72	8
Bombay Uganda	57	8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28	0
Indian Cement (1937)	171	4
Walchand Nagar Industries (B. S)	145	0
United Motor	28	0
Bombay Sate Deposit (27)	880	0
Hydary Construction	19	10
Mahmadi Steam	96	0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700	0
Harvey Press	310	0
Gujarat Motor	28	0
Estrella Batteries	30	8
Manmad Press	120	0
National Rayon	56	0
PREFERENCE SHARES		
Tata Steel 1st (6)	200	0
Andhra Valley (7)	1241	0
Tata Power (7-8)	1305	0
Hydro Electric (7)	128	12
Bombay Steamer (6)	220	0
Central India (5)	655	0
Swedeshi Mills	130	0
Vishnu Mills (7)	650	0
Lakshmi Mills	267	8
Khatau	100	0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220	0
Podar Mills (4)	105	10
Shrinivas Mills	88	0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106	14
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316	0
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130	0
Pre Construction First	100	8
Pre Construction 2nd Pref.	97	0
Amalgamated	115	0
Habib	72	9
Tata Chemical	130	0
Walchandnager	130	0
Jupiter	19	14
Supreme	100	0
Meyer	102	8
Mackenzie (1st)	85	0
Mackenzie (2)	90	0
Ahmedabad Advance	132	8
Mysore Mill	50	8
Standard	99	0
Madhusudan	12	0
Khatau	100	12
Morarji	94	8
National Rayon	70	0
DEBENTURES		
Andhra 1952	103	8
Guia Kajamsingh	8	9
Rubber Planting	17	0
Bombay Steamer	97	0
Indian Hume Pipe	101	8
Tata Power 1951	103	0
Walchandnagar	105	8
OUTSIDE SHARES		
Burma Corporation	2	13
New Victoria	2	4
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4	4
Palton (8)	120	0
Gold Mohor	302	8
New Kaiser Hind	325	0
Sajjan Mills X.D.	150	0
Osmanshahi (16)	250	0
Azamshahi	280	0
Air India Tata	65	0
Hind Motors	5	4
Indian Steam	8	2

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The local bullion market was quietly steady with restricted business and price movement was confined to a narrow range. There was very little business in Gold.

Posh delivery Silver opened at Rs. 171/- and declined at Rs. 170/12 under scattered selling. At the level there was moderate buying and the market improved at Rs. 171/4. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 170/14. Posh delivery was placed at Rs. 113/8 and cash Gold was quoted at Rs. 114/- Sovereigns were priced at Rs. 75/12.

The market closed as under:

Ready Silver	170	12	0
Posh Delivery	171	0	0
Ready Gold	114	4	0
Posh Delivery	113	9	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian cotton May contract is 1389 cent points below New York May delivery.

PRODUCE MARKET CLOSED

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

The Produce market remained closed today as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Mathuradas Vissanji:

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

120 Ready Japan	4	11	0
150 Ready Japan		43	0
120 Ready Italy	4	11	0
150 Ready Italy	4	0	0
150 D Box Dec. Opening	835	0	0
150 D. Box Dec. Highest	842	0	0
150 D. Box Dec. Highest	842	0	0
150 D. Box Dec. Lowest	827	0	0
150 D. Box Dec. Close	830	0	0
150 D. Box January	838	0	0

GROUNDNUT OIL QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Bombay Mills	20	10	0
Upcountry Mills	20	4	0
January	20	10	0
February	20	13	0

INDIAN MERCHANTS' CHAMBER

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

"The Office of the Indian Merchants' Chamber will remain closed on Friday, the 23rd December 1949 as a mark of respect to the memory of Sir Mathuradas Vissanji. an ex-President of the Chamber"

THE BOMBAY SHAREHOLDERS' ASSOCIATION: Association remained closed today on account of death of the ex-President of the Association Prof. S. R. Davar.

GOVERNMENT LOANS

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

2 1/2 per cent 1954	98	14	0
2 1/2 per cent 1950	100	4	0
2 1/2 per cent 1955	99	11	0
2 1/2 per cent 1961	96	10	0
2 1/2 per cent 1960	99	10	0
2 3/4 per cent 1962	99	2	0
2 3/4 per cent 1973	96	0	0
3 per cent Con.	97	14	0
3 per cent 1951-54	101	12	0
3 per cent 1952-55	102	0	0
3 per cent 1957	101	12	0
3 per cent 1959-61	101	5	0
3 per cent 1963-65	100	6	0
3 per cent 1966-68	100	5	0
3 per cent 1970-75	100	2	0
3 1/2 per cent 1954-59	104	8	0
3 1/2 per cent 1960-70	110	4	0
4 1/2 per cent 1950-55	101	12	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-60	110	8	0
4 1/2 per cent 1958-68	113	0	0

PROVINCIAL LOANS

3 per cent Bombay 1962	99	4	0
2 3/4 per cent C. P 1961	97	1	0
2 3/4 per cent Madras 1961	97	1	0
3 per cent Bombay 1955	100	8	4
3 per cent Bombay 1958	100	4	0
3 per cent Punjab 1952	99	0	0
3 per cent Madras 1952-53	100	6	0
3 per cent U P 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent U. P. 1952	100	6	0
3 per cent N.W.P. 1952	98	2	0
3 per cent U. P. 1961-68	99	12	0
3 1/4 per cent Municipal 1977	99	0	0
4 per cent B.P.T. long dated	109	12	0
4 per cent Bombay Muni.	109	8	0
5 p.c. Bombay Muni. 1959	114	0	0
6 per cent Bom. Municipality 1954	113	8	0
6 per cent K. P. T. 1956	113	12	0

Indian Stock Exchange

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

Tata Ordinary 327 Tata Deferred 1590 Indian Iron 31-3 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 23-8 Bombay Dyeing 1080 Central India 257-8 Gokak 273-12 Kohinoor 304-6 Simplex 209 Swadeshi 276-14 Tata Power 1505 Associated Cement 156-14 Belapur 230 Bombay Burma (Old) 375 Scindia 15-9 Central Bank 83 New India 63 Tata 2nd Pref. 138-12.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

MILLS

Apollo 2-15-9 2-15 2-15-3
Bharat 32
B. Dyeing 1085 87-8 78-12 80
C. India 258 56-8 57
Century 242-8 43-12
Finlay 278 75
Gokak 274 75 73
I. U. Defd. 1-15-6 1-15-9 1-15-6
" Ord. 12-3 12-4 12-2 12-3
Indore 136-4 32-8
Khatau 180
Kohinoor 305 5-8 3-4 4
Laxmi 692-8
Madhusudan 175
New Great 166 67 65
Podar 146-4 45
Simplex 209 7-8 9
Swadeshi 278 75-8 76
Tata Mills 55
C. P. Rly. 113-8
B. Steam 241-4
Scindia 15-2 15-7 15-4 15-9
Central 84 82-12 83
" New 84-4 83 83-8
Imperial Old 1805
Imperial New 445
India 176
Union 7-3 7-2
U. Commercial 50-4 50-8
Ahmedabad 130
Andhra 1425
" Pref. 1242-8
Suburban 156-4 58-2
Hydro 153 52-8 53
Power 1505
Empire 571-4.
New India 61 63-8 63.
B. Steel 23-12 23-8 23-10 23-7 23-8.
I. Iron 31-4 31-2 31-5 31-3.
Tata Defd. 1570 87-8 76-4 90.
Tata Ord. 322-8 27 25-8 27-8.
Tata IInd Pref. 138.
Alcock 295 90.
A.C.C. 156 57 56-4.
Belapur 230 28 30.
B.B. Old 372-8 73-12 70 75.
B.B. New 130 28-12.
B.B. Petrol 1-6 1-5-6 1-6-6.
B.I.C. 9-5.
I. Bleaching 147.
Dena Trust 17.
I. I. Trust 88-4.
P. Const. 101-8 2 100-8 3-8.
Shivrajpur 34.
Tata Chem. 13-10.
Tata Oil 53 55 54-8 55.
Wimco 215.

SPECIAL

Ahmedabad Elec. New 76-12.
Meyer Pref. 102-8.
Madhavji Conversion 300.
Shapoorji Conversion 200.
Dena Bank 43 40 42 37.

MONEY MARKET

BOMBAY, Dec 23.

B. C. Rates T T D D 1/5 15/16 Ready.

B. C Rates I. T. D. D. 1/5 29/32 up to 6 Months

London Banks Selling T T D D 1/5 31/32 Ready

London Banks Selling T. T D. D. 1/5 15/16 up to 6 Months.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/32 to 9th Month.

London Banks Buying T. T. 1/6 1/16 10th-12th Month.

London Banks Buying D.D. 1/6 1/16 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying D. D. 1/6 3/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying D D 1/6 1/8 7th—9th Month

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 1/8 to 4th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 5/32 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 60 and 90 d/st. 1/6 3/16 7th—9th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 5/32 to 4th Month

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 3/16 5th & 6th Month.

London Banks Buying 120 d/st 1/6 7/32 7th—9th Month.

New York B C. Rate T. T. Rs 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Rs. 478 1/4. Montreal Rs. 435

Banks Buying T. T Rs. 475 Montreal Rs 431 3/4.

Banks Buying D. D. Rs. 472 1/2 Montreal Rs. 429 3/4.

Banks Buying D D. Rs. 473 3/4 L/C., Montreal Rs. 430 1/2 L/C.

Paris Banks Selling T. T. Fcs 7250

Paris Banks Buying T. T. Fcs 7500

Amsterdam Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fl. 79.

Switzerland Banks Selling T. T D. D. Fcs. 90 1/4.

Belgium Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Fcs. 1033.

Java Banks Selling T. T. D. D. Gldn 79.

Hongkong Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 83 1/4.

Singapore Banks Selling T. T D. D. Rs. 156 3/4.

Manila Banks Selling T. T. D. D Rs. 238 3/4

New York/London Cross Rate dol. 2.79 7/8 to 2.80 1/8. London/Afghanistan Cross Rate Afghani Rs. not quoted. London-Alexandria Cross Rate Pia. 97 1/4-3/4 London/Amsterdam Cross Rate Fl. 10.63-65. London/Bangkok Cross Rate Tcl. 35. London Belgium Cross Rate Fcs 139.90-140.10 London Denmark Cross Rate Kr. 19.32-36. London Hongkong Cross Rate 1/2 27/32-1/2 15/16. London/Iran Cross Rate Rs. 90-20 London/Java Cross Rate Fl 10.63-65. London/Karachi Cross Rate 2/1-84-2/1.94 London/Lisbon Cross Rate Es 80.35 London/Manila Cross Rate Pes. 5.60-5.65 London/Montreal Cross Rate dol. 3.07-3/4-3.08 1/4 London New York Cross Rate $2.79 7/8-2.80 1/8 London Oslo Cross Rate Kr. 19.98-20.02 London/Paris Cross Rate Fcs 979-981 London/Prague Cross Rate K. 141 London Singapore Cross Rate 2/4 1/16-2/4 3/16 London/Stockholm Cross Rate Kr. 14.47-50 London Switzerland Cross Rate Fcs. 12.23-12.26.

London Discts 3 Mos 3/4 pc
London Discts 6 Mos 3/4 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money: Call 3/4 per cent, 3 Mos. 1 per cent, 6 Mos 1-1/4 per cent. 12 Mos 1-1/2 per cent
Tone: Easy.

Position Of Scheduled Banks

The following is the statement of the position of scheduled banks as at the close of business on the 16th December:—

	Rs.
Demand Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from	21,14,82,000
(ii) Other demand liabilities	562,78,12,000
Time Liabilities in India	
(i) Borrowings from banks	1,47,00,000
(ii) Other time liabilities	267,76,20,000
Cash in India	
(i) Currency notes of the Government of India and Bank Notes	30,51,79,000
(ii) Rupee Coin	1,52,06,000
(iii) Subsidiary Coin	68,54,000
Balances with Reserve Bank	73,36,81,000
Advances in India	390,46,90,000
Bills discounted in India	14,67,91,000

U.S. Bans Export Of Certain Unclassified Technical Data

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

The U. S. Commerce Department's Office of International Trade announces that "in exceptional cases" the export of unclassified technical information "significant to the national security" may be banned.

OIT disclosed yesterray that such action is now authorised under an amendment to the voluntary export plan whereby American exporters seek advice from the Commerce Department before shipping data which might have a security value. The amendment provides for revisions, suspension, or revocation of general licenses to prohibit such exports where it is deemed advisable to do so.

"The plan covers advanced technical developments, technolpgy information, and 'know-how', including prototypes and special installations," OIT said.

The existing regulations covering the handling of secret or confidential technical data are not affected by the new plan. Likewise, it does not cover exports of advertising catalogs or pamphlets, assembly and operating directions, or other information of this type generally available to the trade or public through published materials, or unclassified technical data for use in educational or scientific research.—USIS.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON Dec. 22.

LONDON:

Silver spot and forward both 64 pence
Gold bars fine per ounce £12/8

NEW YORK COTTON

Trade Buying In Near Months

NEW YORK, Dec. 22

Trading was fairly active early, the modest gains reflecting accumulation of trade buying of nearby positions which readily absorbed scattered hedges. Loan textile and export influences were the chief bullish factors. Prices later sagged modestly attributable to yearend profittaking but setbacks uncovered renewed trade support. In the afternoon business was slow but the nearmonths rose slightly on small routine trade demands and covering. Offerings comprising hedging and profittaking were light. Yearend influencese were restricting interest. The session closed very steady with sales placed at 80,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

March	30.64 plus 11
May	30.39 plus 08
July	29.74 plus 05
October	28.30 plus 01
December	28.19 plus 01
Middling spot	31.34 plus 11

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

March	30.56 plus 10
May	30.33 plus 05
July	29.66 plus 07
October	28.24 plus 05
Middling spot	30.30 plus 15

New York Cotton March Highest 30.64 at 14.58; Lowest $0.53 at 10.44 hours.

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Dec. 22.

KARNAK Jan.	76.25—180
KARNAK Mar.	77.10—140
KARNAK May	77.35—165
ASHMOUNI Dec.	75.30—50
ASHMOUNI Feb.	75.30—80
ASHMOUNI Apr.	74.10—105
RATHOD—B	23RD DEC

WALL STREET MARKET

Further Improvement In Industrials

LNDON, Dec. 22.

Values generally moved fractionally higher in a moderate turnover with some selective issues recording gains of one dollar or more. Those in the forefront included aircrafts, motors, rails, steels and chemicals but minings lagged. The optimism on the buying side was evidently stimulated by the fact that the volume contracted on the recent modest sell off and that profittaking and tax selling were comfortably absorbed. The averages were industrials 19762 and rails 5116.

Gains extended during the afternoon in expanded dealing with leading industrials and rails to the fore in the advance There was activity on the advance and a larger number of issues traded is considered encouraging in view of fact that many market observers expected a selective and quiet market for the remainder of the week. Trading continued at a fair pace with gains ranging upto one dollar predominating and a few selected issues recording advanced of two or more dollars. The market closed firm.

American Telephone and Telegraph	145-1 2
Amerex Holding Co.	32-1 4
Anaconda Copper Mining	28-1 4
Chase National Bank	35-3 8
Firestone Tyre	52
General Electric	41-3 8
General Motors	70
Ingersoll Rand	67-3 4
International Nickel of Canada "A"	27
National City Bank	44-5 8
New York Central Railroad	10-1 2
Sinclari Co-orporation	23-3 8
Secony Vacuum Oil	17
Texas Corporation	61-7 8
Union Carbide	44—1 2
U.S. Smelting & Refining	38-3 4
U.S. Steel Common	26
Western Union "A"	20-1 2

The volume of business on Wall Street was 1,630,000 shares.

The highest and lowest U.S. Steel Trading prices were 26 and 25-5 8 respectively.

Pre-Holiday Evening Up On Chicago Grain Exchange

CHICAGO, Dec. 22:

GRAINS: Declined under the leadership of distant wheat positions on general selling instigated by reports of a protective snow covering in many sections of the Winterwheat belt. Prices rallied on covering and commercial buying with hedge lifting reported in maize against sales of 380,000 bushels to Denmark. Advances, however, continued to attract profit-taking with much pre-holiday evening up.

CHICAGO GRAINS

Wheat: March 2.18 May 2.12-1/8 July 1.93-1/8 September 1.93.

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON Dec. 22.

Australian wheat per 480 lbs. fob 121-8 Dec.-Jan.

CONTINENTAL STOCK EXCHANGES

PARIS, Dec. 22: Widespread improvement development with a spate of buying orders inspired by a strong bank of Paris quotation. A fair part of the buying was by operators who recently sold and wanted to cover. Among internationals, Mexican Eagles were unaffected by the London announcement. Argentines were a feature with substantial advances. French rentes were unchanged.

BRUSSELS, Dec. 22: Business was restricted but the tendency generally was steady. Rubber shares ruled firm in sympathy with the good appearance of the rubber market and colonial bank reflected this improvement. Elsewhere, values were practically unchanged.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 22: The stock market was inactive throughout and although the tendency generally was downward, no substantial losses were recorded. Plantations and shippings were neglected. Royal Dutch closed at the day's lowest—at 294-5/8.

Trade And Finance

Evidence Of Seasonal Demand For Funds

LONG LIQUIDATION IN SILVER MARKET

(From Our Special Correspondent)

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

MONEY: The evidence of the emergence of seasonal demand for funds was reflected in the poor response to the Government of India Treasury Bill tenders during the last two weeks or so. Against the invitation for Rs. 1 crore worth of Treasury Bills, the amount offered was Rs. 33¾ lakhs, out of which Rs. 75½ lakhs were accepted at Rs. 0-8-0 per cent. No tenders are invited for the coming week Day-to-day funds were quoted at 1-2 per cent. Three months' deposits were quoted around 1-1/4 per cent. and six months around 1-3/4 per cent.

The weekly returns of the Reserve Bank of India for the period ended 16th December 1949 do not reveal any marked changes in the Issue Department. The active note circulation is slightly up by Rs. 81 lakhs, whilst the notes held in the Banking Department show a decline of Rs. 82 lakhs. In the Banking Department, there is an all-round increase in Deposits: those on account of Governments are up by Rs. 8 crores; Bankers' Balances have risen by Rs. 4.51 crores and Miscellaneous Deposits by Rs. 56 lakhs. Balances held abroad show a further rise of Rs. 9.33 crores. Loans and Advances to Government have increased by Rs. 3.18 crores whereas Investments are down by Rs. 1.75 crores.

The statement of affairs of the Imperial Bank of India for the week ended 16th December 1949 reveals a rise of Rs. 2.07 crores in Deposits. Investments are down by Rs. 5.56 crores whilst Advances show an increase of Rs. 2.73 crores. The cash holding of the Bank has gone up by Rs. 5.70 crores to Rs. 72.54 crores.

GILT-EDGED: The gilt-edged market ruled quietly steady during the week. There was moderate offering for year—end requirements, which was absorbed without materially affecting the price trend. 3 per cent. 1986 conversion loan, on the other hand, closed a trifle higher at Rs. 97-14 on some support. 2-1/2 per cent. 1961 loan was quoted an anna higher at Rs. 96-11 and 2-3/4 per cent 1960 loan at Rs. 99-11.3 per cent 1951/54 loan tapered off to Rs. 101-8 whilst 3 per cent. 1957 victory loan was on offer at Rs. 101-11. 3 per cent. 1963/65 and 1966/68 loans both changed hands at Rs. 100-5.

EXCHANGE: Activity in the rupee sterling exchange market continued on a restricted scale, though the undertone remained fairly steady. For interbank business, sellers of spot TT on London quoted 1s. 5-31/32d. and buyers 1s. 6d. Merchant rates fixed by the Exchange Banks' Association were unchanged as under:

Sellers of TT on London spot . . . 1s 5-31/32d.
Sellers of TT on London upto six months 1s. 5-15/16d
Buyers of TT on London spot and upto nine months 1s. 6-1/32d

GOLD: Trading in the gold market was extremely dull in the absence of factors to influence prices. Ready gold which was quoted at Rs. 114-1 at the opening, temporarily declined to 113-10 on Saturday but thereafter fluctuated narrowly between Rs. 114-7 and Rs. 113-14 till the close. The usual quantity of Indian mine gold was offered to the market, but it was reported that that the bidding was not inclined to be very keen. Inspite of the fall in forward silver prices during the closing stages of the week, gold prices remained fairly steady, the quotation for January settlement gold ranging between Rs. 113-14 and Rs. 113-3. The price of sovereigns remind practically steady around Rs. 76 during the week. Floating stocks of the metal are estimated at about 50,000 tolas. Arrivals including Kolar gold are reported to have averaged about 5,000 tolas a day and the average daily offtake is believed to be 4,000 tolas. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week Rs. 114-7 and Rs. 113-10 for spot and Rs. 113-14 and Rs. 113-11 for forward.

SILVER: The silver section of the Bullion market exhibited a quiet undertone during the latter half of the week on various rumous and some long liquidation. From Rs. 173-6 at the opening spot silver .999 fine declined steadily to Rs. 169-13 on Thursday and closed at Rs. 170-16 January settlement was quoted at a discount of 2 to 3 annas under spot, whilst ready .996 fine silver was quoted about 6 to 8 annas under January settlement. Floatings stocks of the metal are reported to be about 4,500 bars, whilst the average daily offtake continued on a very poor scale, being 20 bars a day. The New York and London official silver quotations remained static at 73-1/4 cents and 64d. throughout. The highest and lowest rates touched during the week were Rs. 173-6 and Rs. 169-13 for spot and Rs. 173-4 and Rs. 169-11 for forward.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 22

2-1/2% British Consols	£70-1/2
3-1/2% Conversion Loan 1961	£93-3/4
4% Funding Loan 1960-90	£106-7/8
3-1/2% War Loan on or after Dec. 1. 1952	£92-o/8
Chartered Bank of India	£10-3/16
Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank	£94
National Bank of India	£33-1/4

Transactions on the London Stock Exchange are officially placed at 3,961.

N. Y. SILVER SALES

NEW YORK, Dec. 22: The market was dull with the turnover at 25,000 ounces at unchanged level. Bullioners are closing down for Christmas but a short session will be held tomorrow only for the purpose of establishing price fixing.

Industrial And Agricultural Goods Share Equally In 1949 ECA Grants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23

Western Europe's requests for Marshall Plan aid during the 1949 calendar year were almost equally divided between industrial items and food-agricultural goods.

The J.S. Economic Co-operation Administration announced this yesterday, disclosing that through December 20 it has approved purchase of $1,810,072,000 worth of industrial items and $1,767,233,000 worth of agricultural and food commodities.

With $278,372,000 allocated for ocean freight and $10,982,000 for technical services, the total amount of authorizations announced this year stands at $3,867,349,000.

The 1948 total was $4,044,800,000. Thus, the ECA pointed out, covered only nine months, from the Marshall Plan's inception in April through December 31. "There was a distinct drop in the amount of dollars allocated in 1949 as compared with 1948," the ECA noted. "This drop reflects a basic principle of the Marshall Plan—that the European countries should require a decreasing amount of ECA dollars as their economic recovery progresses under the Marshall Plan."

In 1948, authorizations for industrial items totalled $1,908,000,000 and food-agricultural authorizations amounted to $1,799,000,000. The balance went for ocean freight and technical services.

During the current year, the United Kingdom, France, Trizone Germany, and Italy, in that order, received the largest allocations. In the preceding year, the order was the United Kingdom, France, Italy, and Trizone Germany.

In the first 11 months of this year, the leading food and agricultural commodity groups were cotton, with a total of $460.9 million, and bread grains, $398.7 million. The United Kingdom, with $146.3 million, and France, with $117.4 million, received the bulk of the cotton authorizations. About half of the bread grain authorizations, $198 million, were for the United Kingdom.

Of the industrial commodities authorizations, the leading groups were machinery and equipment, with a total of $397.7 million, and petroleum and products, $382.8 million. The machinery and equipment total included $117.3 million for France, $51.6 million for Italy, $44.6 million for the Netherlands, and $42.4 million for Belgium-Luxembourg. The bulk of the petroleum and products authorizations went to Great Britain, with $122.7 million, and France, with $102.5 million.—USIS.

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR

MADRAS, Dec. 23, (PTI): Following ar todays quotations in the Madras Stock Market:

GOVERNMENT Loans: Three percent paper 97-8 three percent 1966 97-14 do 1970-75 100-1 Government of Travancore loans three percent 1962/64 100-12 Government of Madras loans three percent 1960 100-1-6.

BANKS: Travancore 13-0 Plantings Balmadies 6A Bine Mountain 3-7 Chembra 4-14 Devashola 14 Midland 4-4 Nellampathy 1-8 Ouchterlony 6 Pullangode 1-3 Thirumbadi 2-0-6 T R and T C. 5-12 Valkundam 5-12.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 186 do Pref. 189 Cambodia 11-10 Coimbatore CM 131 do pioneer 117 do SPG 40 Lakshmi 67-8 Madura 28-4 Mettur 223 B Radhakrishna 155 Rajalakshmi 67-8 Ranga Vilas 51-8 Trav Rayons 4-6 Trichinopoly 16.

MICELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 65 FACT 4-8-6 India Cement 17-12 Mettur Chem 8-10.

NEW YORK PEPPER STEADY

NEW YORK, Dec. 22: The market for black pepper was steady but inactive with spots held at 1.31 dollars per pound. Demand is seasonally slow with most consuming interests concerned with inventory problems and no appreciable expansion in buying is expected during the holiday. Following are today's closing quotations: Black pepper spot 1.31 asked, December 1.30 nominal, January 1.25 nominal, March 1.19 nominal, May 1.16 nominal, July 1.16 nominal, September 1.16 nominal October 1.14 bid. White pep

SKELETON PROPOSALS ON KASHMIR

Mr. McNaughton's Efforts

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (PTI): General A.G.L. McNaughton, Canadian President of the Security Council was reported today to have concluded his study of the Indo-Pakistan viewpoints of the Kashmir deadlock and to be ready to make a draft proposals as an agreed "basis" for dealing with the question, cables D. P. Wagle PTI Correspondent.

He was entrusted with this task by the Security Council on December 17.

The Indian and Pakistan delegations were expecting a communication from General McNaughton sometime tonight. There was no indication as to the nature of the communication—whether it would be a skeleton proposal for the study of the delegations, or and invitation for further discussions.

Canadian aides of General McNaughton said that he had been working without a letup on producing a satisfactory formula. Mr. McDonald C. Smith, principal adviser to the permanent Canadian delegate, has been with General McNaughton constantly and will be on the Kashmir job with him all through the Christmas holidays. Enquiries at the Canadian delegation office showed that General McNaughton's secretaries and other assistants had been instructed to be "on call" any time during the next week except on Christmas day.

Austrian Charge d'Affaires

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI): Dr. Carl Pereira has been appointed by the Government of Austria as Charge d'Affaires of their legation at New Delhi pending the appointment of an Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary, it was officially announced here yesterday.

Another announcement says that Mr. Ato Emmanuel Abraham, on return from Lake Success, has resumed charge of the Ethiopian legation.

NEW AIRLINERS FOR B. O. A. C.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23: B.O.A.C. will receive shortly the first aircraft of its new fleet of twenty-five Hermes airliners on order from Messrs. Handley Page Limited. These are in addition to the twenty-two Argonaut airliners which are already in operation on the India-England and Far East runs.

The date of introduction into service of the Hermes will be determined by the rate at which the aircraft are delivered and the results of route trials due to begin early in 1950.

INDIAN STUDENTS LEAVE FOR U. S.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI): Two Indian students, Miss Usha Roy of Lucknow and Mr. P. Balakrishnan Nair of Trivandrum, left New Delhi yesterday by air on a ten-week visit to the United States. During this period they will represent their country in the New York Herald Tribune Forum for high schools scheduled for March 4. They are expected to reach New York on December 24.

PAKISTAN'S BUMPER WHEAT CROP

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan's wheat crop this year is estimated to be nearly 22.8 per cent more than last year's bumper crop. Final figures for this year's yield are 41.03 lakh tons against 33.42 lakh tons last year. Pakistan has so far declared five laks tons of wheat as surplus.

PHOTO-CHEMICALS INDUSTRY

Tariff Board Discussion On Protection

BOMBAY, Friday.

Representatives of the producers of photo-chemicals (sodium thiosulphate, sodium sulphite and sodium bisulphite) met the Indian Tariff Board today (Friday) for a discussion on the question of continuance of protection to the industry beyond March 31, 1950.

It was contended by the manufacturers that the indigenous industry had been affected by the Open General Licence policy of the Government of India during the last shipping period and that the cost of production of the indigenous chemicals had also increased owing to the high cost of the raw materials, like soda ash, caustic soda and sulphur.

On behalf of the Board, Dr. B. V. Narayanaswamy Naidu undertook to consider these points while formulating the Board's recommendations on the question of continuance of protection to the industry.

Representatives of the importers also met the Board earlier in the day and placed their viewpoints before the Board.

Assam Workers' Protest

GAUHATI, Dec. 23 (PTI): Most of the twelve hundred workers of a steamer company in Assam abstained from their work on Wednesday as a protest against the non-implementation of the interim award of the tribunal adjudicating the dispute between the company and its workers.

Later, a protest meeting was held.

Madras Passes Merged States Bill

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (PTI).—The Madras Council (Upper House) today adjourned till January 19 after passing into the law the Merged States (Law) Bill which provides for extending 160 enactments of the Madras Government to the merged States of Pudukottah, Banganapalle and Sandur.

The extension will take effect from January 1, 1950.

ERADICATING WANT FROM SOCIETY

Sarvodaya Economic Plan

WARDHA, Dec. 23 (UPI).—The Sarvodaya Economic Planning Conference which commenced its two day's session yesterday, under the Presidentship of Kaka Saheb Kalelkar, at Gopuri, discussed in detail the draft of the economic plan prepared at the November session of the Conference.

The plan envisages the establishment of a non-violent society based on the principles of self-sufficiency and decentralised economy and seeks to build up a permanent socio-economic order.

No final decision about the implementation of the plan is understood to have been arrived at in this morning's sitting.

Prominent among those who participated in this morning's sitting were Shree Shankar Rao Deo, General Secretary of the Congress, Dr. P. C. Ghosh, Dr. J. C. Kumarappa, Principal S. N. Agrawal, Prof. N. G. Ranga, Shree Shrikrishnadas Jajoo, Shree R. S. Dhotre, and others.

Interviewed by the United Press of India after the conclusion of this morning's sitting Dr. P. C. Ghosh stated "the most fundamental question which engaged the deliberations in the morning session was how to implement the economic plan after it has been adopted by the Conference.

"The country today certainly requires an amount of uniformity with regard to Gandhian attitude towards economic issues as and when they arise.

"The ideal also has", he added, "to be constantly kept in view so that the immediate steps may ultimately lead to our objective." But the plan or the policy must be given effect to by some organisational machinery, he added.

NO STATE AID TO NEWSPAPERS

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (PTI).—Mr. H. Sitarama Reddi, Revenue Minister, said in the Legislative Council (Upper House) today that the Madras Government had no proposal at present to extend the State Aid to Industries Act to newspapers.

Replying to a question, he said, that an application for aid of Rs. 1,50,000 had been received from the proprietors of "Dinasari", a Tamil daily of Madras, and the matter was under consideration.

COMMERCE BODY'S ANNUAL MEETING

Nehru Invited To Speak

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (PTI).—The Committee of the Federation of the Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries, concluding its two-day session here this afternoon, decided to hold its annual general meeting at New Delhi on March 11 and 12 and invite the Prime Minister to inaugurate the sessions.

The meeting considered the questionnaire issued by the Fiscal Commission and felt that the future commercial policy of India could best be considered only as an aspect of a wider and comprehensive economic policy directed to the building up of an expanding and stable economy. The Fiscal Commission should, therefore, concern itself to the basic issue as to what Government should do to create a suitable industrial environment. If an appropriate traffic policy and machinery were desirable to safeguard Indian industries from superior foreign competition which might emanate from abroad, it was equally important to ensure first that Indian industries did not languish on account of Government's policy with regard to nationalisation, taxation, foreign capital, etc.

CITY CORPORATION WEEK BY WEEK

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times playing, some times quareling but always enjoying their freedom with double zest because there was no interfering supervision of any unsympathetic adult."

MORE SCHOOLS

With whatever degree of zest these unfortunate children might enjoy their freedom, the fact could not be disputed that the city Municipality charged with providing Free and Compulsory education to all children between the ages of six and eleven was failing in its duty and besides thousands of those who were counted year after year as non-attending children there were thousands of these uncounted ones who were helping to swell that number. When the matter came up before the Schools Committee and it was proposed to record the letter of the Secretary an Opposition member suggested that instead of merely recording the letter the Secretary should be asked to submit proposals to open schools in such hutment areas or colonies. The suggestion has been accepted and the proposals of the Secretary will be keenly awaited since it affects the future of thousands of these unfortunate children who are denied even ordinary primary education for no fault of theirs.

Three Kings came riding from far away,
Melchior and Gaspar and Balthasar;
Three Wise Men out of the East were they,
And they traveled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.
HENRY WADSWORTH LONGFELLOW

CHRISTMAS ROUND THE WORLD • IN RUSSIA AND LATIN NATIONS

By Richard M. Barr

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year in other countries but it comes twice a year in Russia. One celebration is the "old-style" Christmas of the Russian Orthodox Church, on December 12. The other is the "new-style" Christmas of the modernized calendar December 25. For before the Czars were overthrown, Russia maintained the Gregorian method of counting days.

Under the Soviets, Christmas is officially ignored. The holiday is merely called a New Year's festivity. As far as the Kremlin is concerned, there are, therefore, two New Year's celebrations in December.

GRANDPA FROST

The Russians have a Santa Claus, but he's calls "Dyedushka Moroz", or Grandpa Frost. He drives horses, instead of reindeer, but otherwise is similar to Santa Claus — wearing a long red coat, beard, black boots, and having a deep, jolly laugh.

In some parts of Russia, the gift-giver is not "Dyedushka Moroz" but an old woman, a wrinkled "babushka", or grandmother.

According to legend, she is an old hag who deliberately misdirected the Wise Men as they journeyed to Bethlehem. Condemned to live forever for that evil deed, she must walk across the country giving presents to all the children of the world at Christmas in penance for her sin. Her favourite gifts are red boots for boys, golden slippers for girls.

SUPERSTITIONS

There are many legends sprung from ancient superstitions. For instance: The old folk of all the Slav countries will tell you that any dream on Christmas Eve is bound to come true.

That the first person to enter your home on Christmas Eve is a forecast of the year ahead.

If it's a child, you'll have good luck.

If it's a grown man, it means that hens will predominate in your barnyard and most of your cattle will be cows. But if it's a woman who enters first on Christmas Eve, you'll have lots of roosters and bulls.

If it's an old woman, however, — look out. That means anger and quarreling in the family for all the year to come.

LATIN NATIONS

Unlike the Slav countries, the Latin nations of Europe today devote most of their Christmas observance to religion. Indeed, you will find that Christmas probably has more Christianity in it in the Latin countries than anywhere else in the world.

In Italy there are presents for children and grown-ups at Christmas time. But for most adults in Italy, it is a solemn time, devoted to prayer and attending church.

The Italian children (and French, too) build tiny replicas of the Manger at Christmas, working on the miniatures during most of the nine-day Novena that precedes Christmas Day.

January 6 is the day Italian children receive their gifts. The presents are just like those in other lands — dolls, toys, games and other items important to little boys and girls all over the world.

But the gifts are not brought by Santa Claus. Instead, an old lady comes around, called the "befana". With her presents, she brings candy and fruit and nuts for the little ones who have been good. But for the naughty ones, she leaves a lump of coal or a short, black stick, so their parents can punish them.

CHRISTMAS IN THE SUMMER

The Latin tradition in our own country exists widely in the South-western states, and wherever large numbers of Latin American have settled. They have brought with them, of course, the customs of their own lands, just as earlier immigrants did along the eastern seaboard.

Traditionally, in most of Latin America, gift giving is on January 6, known to the Argentines as "Little Christmas," and as "Dia de Reis" or Day of Kings to the Brazilians.

The gifts, however, usually come from the Three Kings. Santa Claus and his reindeer are comparative newcomers to Latin America.

For the seasons are reversed below the equator. The fact that Christmas comes in the early summer makes a visit by sleigh and reindeer somewhat importable. The Three Kinges, however, fit in quite well with the season.

The children say their prayers on the night of January 5, leave their shoes in front of the window or on the balcony. In some countries, the shoes are filled with straw — food for the burros of the Three Kings. Next morning the straw is gone, and in its place-toys!

All of the Latin American nations have individual customs built around their Christmas celebrations. In Mexico, for example, the "pinata" is fun for children and grown-ups alike.

The "pinata" is an earthenware pot or container, filled with candies, fruits, nuts and small gifts. It is hung from the ceiling and covered with straw or tissue paper. Sometimes it is shaped like an airplane, sometimes a doll, or a bird or even the face of Cantinflas, a popular comedian.

Everybody in the family takes a turn at being blindfolded. Then, supplied with a small stick, each one tries to break the "pinata" and shower its presents down upon the family.

When it's finally broken, there's a scramble for the prizes it contains.

POPE'S CALL FOR BROTHERHOOD

LONDON, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Pope Pius XII urgently called for "brotherhood between peoples" in the world's present "state of crisis" when he made his traditional Christmas broadcast over Vatican Radio today.

Converts to Christianity had doubled in the past 25 years, he said. Distant parts of Africa had become "bulwarks" of the faith but parts of Asia and China were "cemeteries of death" and mankinds' disasters had produced orphans, widows and mothers everywhere awaiting a return home which would probably never come.

He appealed to those who had "strayed from the fold" to return during the Jubilee Holy Year being ushered in here tomorrow at great Vatican ceremonies. The Pope ended his 40-minute speech with an apostolic blessing to "all men of goodwill".

C. R. VISITS AJANTA

AURANGABAD, Dec. 23 (PTI): The Governor-General Mr. C. Rajagopalachari visited the Ajanta caves this morning. He was accompanied by his daughter, his son and the personal staff.

Mr. M. K. Vellodi, Chief Minister of Hyderabad, Nawab Zain Yar Jung Bahadur, Raja Dhondiraj and other local officers were with the Governor-General's party.

The Governor-General and party returned to Aurangabad in the evening.

Later, he was presented with a joint address of welcome on behalf of the Jalna and Aurangabad municipalities.

NEW DELHI:- Mr. Rajagopalachari will inaugurate the twentieth annual meeting of the Central Board of Irrigation in New Delhi on December 26, it is learnt.

FISCAL COMMISSION SITTING

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (PTI): The fifth sitting of the Fiscal Commission was held in the Legislative Assembly Buildings today, Sir V. T. Krishnamachari, Chairman, presiding.

In the morning, the Commission examined Sir Edward Benthall and the representatives of the Indian Jute Mills Association. Sir Edward said he was in favour of the policy of discriminating protection which was a sound fiscal policy for any country to follow.

Questioned about the role of foreign capital in the industrial development of the country, Sir Edward deprecated the imposition of any special conditions on the employment of foreign capital. In his view, such capital was bound more and more to seek the co-operation of Indian capital and management and it was hardly necessary to lay down any special conditions.

ANGLO-THAI TALKS "MOST CORDIAL"

Songram Personally Guarantees Safety Of MacDonald

BANGKOK, Dec. 22. (PTI-Reuter): Thailand's Premier, Marshal Luang Pibul Soggram, has personally guaranteed the safety of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General in South East Asia, now on a visit to Thailand, a Thailand Government source disclosed today.

Tension developing last weekend by disaffected Thailand army groups had caused grave British diplomatic concern. The police guard surrounding the British embassy in Bangkok has been tripled durnig Mr. MacDonald's stay and jeep loads of armed police escort him on all journeys.

Mr. MacDonald and the British Ambassador in Bangkok, Sir Geoffrey Thompson, have spent several hours daily since December 20 exchanging information with Marshal Pibul and his ministers.

Mr. MacDonald said today the general atmosphere of the talks was "most cordial" and that the personal diplomatic contact between Britain and Thailand at the highest level had proved valuable.

Mr. MacDonald said he personally reported to the Thailand Government that the generous police cooperation of Thailand on the Malay-Thailand border had contributed to the suppression of communist terrorism in both countries.

He also gave his personal impressions to Marshal Pibul that the Bao Dai regime in Indo-China was attracting increasing support from genuine Indo-Chinese Nationalists who saw in Bao Dai their best hope of gaining three main aims of internal stability, political freedom and external recognition.

Mr. MacDonald in reply to a question said he believed South-East Asia could still be defended against communism but this required immediate concerted effort by all friendly democracies.

RICE NEGOTIATIONS WITH BRITAIN

Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner-General, South-East Asia, said in an interview here today Britain was "extremely anxious" for immediate negotiations with Thailand for the purchase of large quantities of Thailand rice in 1950.

His past three days informal conversations with the Thailand Premier Marshal Luang Pibul Soggram and other senior ministers, Mr. MacDonald said, covered a preliminary approach to rice negotiations and "mutual exchange of information on the widest variety of South-East Asian topics of common concern."

Mr. MacDonald described as "completely baseless" rumours in Thailand that Britain intended using her satisfactory rice stocks in Malaya and Borneo as a bargaining point for forcing unfavourable price terms on Thailand.

EXTRADITION FROM CHANDERNAGORE

Protest To French India Governor

CHANDRANAGORE, Dec. 23 (UPI) —A telegram was sent to the French India Governor protesting against the arrest of seven persons and the subsequent handing them over to West Bengal authorities as per extradition warrants received from West Bengal Government in connection with a recent raid in a police outpost in Chandernagore border.

The telegram alleged that the arrests and extradition were illegally done. It also referred to the fact that the French Government representatives in Chandernagore refused to sign the extradition order on the ground that the execution of the extradition was illegal. The telegram requested the Governor to release the arrested persons immediately.

A mass petition is also being sent to the Chief of Judicial Department in Pondicherry praying for redress of the above grievances.

PROTECTIVE DUTY ON BICHROMATES STAYS

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (PTI): The existing protective duty of 30 per cent valorem on potassium bichromates, sodium bichromates and chrome compounds will continue upto March 31, quota.

The Commerce Ministry in a Press Note announcing this states that the Government has accepted the recommendations of the Tariff Board for the continuance of the existing protective duty.

Indian Historical Records Commission

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23: The Government of India have appointed Dr. S.N. Sen, as an associate member of the Indian Historical Records Commission, with effect from December 22, 1949. Dr. Sen, who was formerly Director of Archives and ex-Officio Secretary of the Commission, is now holding the post of Professor of History at the Delhi University. He will serve on the Commission as well as the Research and Publication Committee as the University's representative.

Cultural Festival Opens In City

BOMBAY, Friday.

The 10-day Cultural Festival organised by the Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan was opened by Mr. K. M. Munshi today "Jaya Somnath", a ballet dance, was staged at night. Mr. B. G. Kher, Premier, and Mr. Morarji Desai were among those present.

MEETING INDIA'S COTTON SHORTAGE

High-Level Talks In Bombay

BOMBAY, Friday

A high-level conference of representatives of the Government of India, provinces and textile interests has been convened in Bombay on Dec. 30, 1949 under the chairmanship of Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Minister for Industry and Supply to adopt necessary measures to alleviate cotton shortage in the country following a representation made by the Millowners' Association, Bombay, writes UPI City Editor.

The conference, it is learned, is being held mainly with a view to assess the opinion of all the interests concerned in regard to the feasibility or otherwise of importing cotton, more than eight lakh bales of allotment as originally announced by the Government of India.

Rules Regarding V. P. Articles

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23: The period for which an inland V. P. article may be detained in the Post Offices after due notice of its arrival has been given to the addressee or his agent, will be reduced from seven to five days with effect from January 1, 1950. Detention for further period not exceeding seven days will be made only on payment of four annas per day per article in regard to other V.P. articles. The new conditions will be applicable to articles received in Post Offices for delivery on or after January 1, 1950.

CALCUTTA STOCK EXCHANGE

Firm Trend

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (PTI)—The market continued its firmness with regard to the speculative counters whose prices have gone up to a satisfactory extent. Coal, tea and jute shares also ruled firm.

The rooms of the Calcutta Stock Exchange Association Ltd. will remain entirely closed from Saturday the 24th till Monday the 26th December 1949 on account of "Christmas holidays."

Following are today's final transactions upto 1-45 p.m.

GOVT. SECURITIES—3 per cent loan 1986 98, 3 per cent loan 1951/54 101-8 slot, 3 per cent loan 1955-65 101-14 slot, 3 per cent loan 1970-75 100 slot., 4 per cent loan 1960-70 110-3 slot.

BANKS—Bengal Central 7-4.

COTTONS—Muir Mills 233, New Victoria ordy 2-8 slot.

COALS—Bengal 509-8, Burrakur 12-12, Central India 8-10, Dhemo Main 13-15 (ex div.) Kalapahari 35-8, Western Bengal 5.

JUTES—Anglo-India 186, Barnagore 216, Belvedere 251, Fort Gloster 328, Hooghly 46-8, Howrah 27-4, India 142, Kankinarrah 152, Kinnison 176, Presidency 5-8, Reliance 21-8.

ENGINEERINGS—Burn and Co. ordy 278, Indian Iron 30-8, Jessop and Co. 14-10, Kumardhubi Eng. 8-3, Marshalls 6-8, Textile Machinery 7-2, Steel Corp 23-12, do Pref 122-8.

MISCELLANEOUS—Sone Valley Cement 6-1, Calcutta Electric 13-12, Aluminium Corp 6-15, BIC 9-7 F and C Osler 8-15, Indian National Airways 2-14, Indian Wood Products 27-8, Jardine Henderson 141, Martin Burn 15-14, Walford Transport ordy 1-12, Northern India Oil 8-8 ct. Bengal Paper 43, India Paper Pulp 164 slot. Midnapore Zemindary 65, Assam Saws 8-12, India Steamship 8-3.

SUGARS—Bairampur 8-14, Belsund 4-12, Carew and Co. 9-8.

TEAS—Bishnauth 38-2, Bormahjan 12-12, Kunchunpore 7-8, Nagri Farm 24, Namburnadi 8-12.

Ahmedabad Share Bazar

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22.

Market opened with a firm sentiment and closed with a steady undertone.

FLUCTUATIONS: Calico opened 274 lowest 271-8 Arvindo opened 762 lowest 760 highest 771 Ambica opened 348 highest 351 deferred opened 1576 highest 1588 closing quotations Calico 271-8 Arvind 760 Ambica 349 Anant 16-12 deferred 1586 Atul 38-8 New cotton 333-8 Market opens on 3rd January.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON MARCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.

Previous Closing	30.94
Today's opening	30.94
Difference	Nil
Today's closing	30.96
Difference	+2

The New York Cotton Market will remain closed on 24th and 26th December 1949 and January 2nd 1950.

LAST QUOTATIONS

BOMBAY, Dec. 22.

Silver forward	Rs. 171 0
Gold forward	Rs. 113 9
Silver Bullion	Rs. 170 13
Silver Mint	Rs. 171 0
Gold ready	Rs. 114 0
Sovereign	Rs. 35 14

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ANGLO-HUNGARIAN TALKS BROKEN

Reprisal For Arrest Of British Business Man

LONDON, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter).—Britain has broken off her trade negotiations with Hungary, as reprisal for Hungary's arrest of British business man Edgar Sanders.

Talks, which had earlier been described as going well, were broken off on Foreign Office orders.

Mr. Edgar Sanders, an employee of the International Standard Electric Company has been held in Hungary since last month on charges of espionage. British officials have been refused permission to see him.

Diplomatic quarters here believed Hungary's insistance in refusing access to Mr. Sanders might be an indication that a new widespread trial was being prepared in which, unlike the Rajk trial, nationals of Western States would be among the defendants.

The Hungarian Trade Delegation, it was understood, left Britain earlier this week.

NATIONALISATION OF BRITISH PROPERTY

Yugoslavia Pays First Instalment

LONDON, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter).—A Treasury spokesman stated that the first instalment of £450,000 compensation for British property nationalised in Yugoslavia was paid yesterday.

Under the agreement made a year ago, total compensation for British property affected by nationalisation and similar measures in Yugoslavia was fixed at four and a half million sterling. Of this, the first instalment of 450 thousand sterling was due to be paid on or before today.

Terms and times for paying the remaining £4,050,000 were to be settled in the longterm Anglo-Yugoslav Trade Agreement which is pending.

PROMOTIONS ONLY FOR 'BLUE EYED BOYS'

Nigerian Miners' Complaint

ENUGU (Nigeria), Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—The first miners' witness before the Commision investigating last months' disorders at Enugu Colliery said yesterday that promotions among African workers were reserved for "blue eyed boys" non-Unionists and blacklegs.

The witness Afolabi Adioh Prenmoses, Secretary-General of Nigeria's Trade Union Congress—accused the Nigerian Government of allowing its prestige policy to overrule beneficial labour measures.

The commission is inquiring into the death under police fire of 20 African strikers at Enugu Colliery on November 18.

MAIDENS TO HERALD THE REPUBLIC

First Day Covers

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

Special First Day covers and stamp folders will be released by the Indian Posts and Telegraph Department on January 26, 1950 together with the new postage stamps to commemorate the inauguration of the Republic of India. The First Day cover shows two Indian maidens blowing trumpets to herald the dawn of the Republic. The cover design for the stamp folder shows the picture of an Indian maiden bowing in salutation. In the background are to be seen lights signifying joy and festivity.

A special cachet will be used for defacing the new stamps and arrangements for this will be made at the Philatelic Bureaux in Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, New Delhi, Simla, Lucknow, Patna, Cuttack, Shillong and Nagpur. These special cachets will bear the name of the post office in Hindi and the date of the issue in international numerals. The folder and the First Day cover have been designed by the Commercial Art Section of the J.J. School of Art, Bombay.

Maulana Azad inaugurating the Cultural Sub-Commission at Bharatiya Vidya Bhuvan Hall.

DETENUS' CONDITION DEPLORABLE

P. Das Slashes Executive

CUTTACK, Dec. 23 (PTI).

NEARLY 2,000 persons were in detention in India and they lived under "the worst conditions possible", said Mr. P. Das, President of the All-India Civil Liberties Conference held in Madras in July.

The Government having satisfied themselves that they were dangerous persons, had come to the conclusion that they were outside the pale of law so that nobody had a right to complain about their treatment, he added.

He said that the executive Governments in India today had dictatorial powers although he did not suggest that they were exercising those powers to a great extent. "My fear is that they will do so in order to maintain the Congress Governments in power."

Mr. Das, who was presiding over the first Provincial Civil Liberties Conference today felt that a constitution which provided for absolutism could not be a democratic constitution and the rule of law had no place in that constitution. "There is no doubt, whatever, that the Constitution which has just been adopted by the Constituent Assembly does provide for absolutism", he added.

LOST FAITH

"Enormous powers have been given to the executive Governments to curtail civil liberties in every possible way at the discretion of these Governments. Respect of the judiciary is the very basis of democracy and yet there is little doubt that the executive Governments have lost their faith in the judiciary."

Mr. Das dealt with the security acts now in operation in the Provinces and the amending legislations that were either on the anvil or proposed to be brought before the Provincial Legislatures, and said: "Henceforth the different high courts will be powerless to interfere. This is the reply which the Executive Governments have made to the views consistently expressed by the different high courts that they had power to interfere where grounds served on the detenus were too vague or insufficient to enable them to make a representation to the authorities."

Want Of Evidence

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): The Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta, today discharged for want of sufficient evidence, all the fourteen persons arrested for alleged rioting with deadly weapons on November 10.

These men were arrested following hurling of bombs at a police party from a procession at the crossing of College Street-Harrison Road, injuring several policemen. The police, thereupon, made a lathi-charge to disperse the procession and arrested fourteen persons on the spot.

JACKAL WEEK IN E. PUNJAB

SIMLA, Dec. 23 (PTI).—A "Jackal Week" to protect crops from damage by jackals has been organised in Karnal District by the Agricultural Department of the East Punjab Government. More than a thousand jackals have been destroyed as a result of this experiment.

The Government propose to extend the experiment to other districts of the Province.

INCREASE IN NUMBER OF MINE WORKERS

Rise In Output Too

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): The Chief Inspector of Mines in India reports a 1.72 per cent increase in the daily average number of mine workers in 1947 over the previous year, in his annual report for 1947 just published.

The number of workers for 1947 was 407,263 as compared to 400,376 in the previous year. Women engaged in mines registered a decrease of about 10,000 over 1946, the 1947 figure being 91,250.

The report related to 902 coal mines and 1,074 other mines at work during the year.

Coal fields employed the largest number of persons, the daily average being, 321,537 which is 5,519, or 1.74 per cent more than the number employed in 1946.

Other mines such as manganese ore, mica, limestone, salt, gold, copper, iron ore employed 85,726 persons.

Output of coal increased from 26,297,584 tons in 1946 to 26,892,893 in 1947 and that of manganese ore from 184,274 tons to 314,540 tons.

During 1947, there were 239 accidents in which 263 persons were killed and 58 seriously injured.

Maternity and child welfare activities were extended to 65 large and small collieries and about 117 villages in 1947 as compared to 13 large collieries in 1946. The number of inspections carried out in connection with enforcement of the Mines Maternity Benefits Act, during the year, was 1,072.

OPERATION ORANGES

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23 (P.T.I.): A from Khasi and Jaintia Hills to Calcutta has been arranged by the Government of India to provide relief to the tribes of the area, it is learnt.

The tribes have been hit hard by the cessation of trade brought about by Pakistan's decision not to devalue her currency.

An air-strip has been cleared on the hill slopes for this "Operation Oranges". The air-lift is expected to continue for two months.

BUY JUTE NOW OR PAY MORE

Pakistan Minister's Advice To India

KARACHI, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter): Fazlur Rahman, Commerce Minister of Pakistan, in an interview yesterday described Pakistan's jute position as "satisfactory".

He said that substantial quantities had been lifted by foreign countries such as the United States, the United Kingdom, France and Italy.

The Commerce Minister added that India would have to buy jute from Pakistan. "If she does not buy now, she will have to pay three times more than the prevalent price", he declared.

Many New Taxes In Madras

CORPORATION DEFICIT

MADRAS, Dec. 23 (PTI): New taxation proposals for the city of Madras have been made by the Commissioner of the Corporation to meet the anticipated deficit of about Rs. 15 lakhs in the budget in the current year.

The revised estimate for 1949/50 showed the receipts of the Corporation at Rs. 179 lakhs and expenditure, including the deficit carried over from last year, at Rs. 193 lakhs.

The taxation proposals include: (1) An increase in the rate of property tax in respect of properties having an annual value of Rs. 500 and above. This is expected to yield Rs. three lakhs. (2) Raising the maximum levy of profession tax from Rs. 50 to Rs. 250 bringing in annually Rs. three lakhs. (3) Increase in the rate of tax on tram cars on the basis of seating capacity which is expected to yield Rs. two lakhs, and (4) Increase in the rate of licence fee on certain trades calculated to yield over a lakh.

The budget estimate of the Corporation for 1950-51 anticipates total receipts at Rs. 190 lakhs and expenditure at Rs. 189 lakhs.

No Parcels To Or Via Pakistan

INDIA'S ORDER

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23 (PTI).—The Government of India have, it is learnt, issued orders suspending bookings of all descriptions of goods and coaching traffic to and via Pakistan with immediate effect.

Bona fide luggage, perishable goods and newspapers have, however, been exempted from the scope of the order.

As a result, no parcel train left Sealdah station of the East Indian Railway today. The order has also affected the booking of newspaper packets to different centres in and via East Pakistan.

The down-parcel train from Goalundo (Pakistan) which was due here today did not arrive. The up train, however, left Sealdah for Goalundo as usual yesterday.

Passenger trains between the two Dominions are running as normal.

SIAM PREPARES FOR MAO

BANGKOK, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—Siam, apprehensive and tense, was yesterday taking measures to forestall any attempt by the Communist Chinese armies on its northern borders to link with the country's four million strong Chinese community.

With the victorious Communist armies only separated from Siam by a group of Shan States and faced with a threat by armed services groups known to be supported politically and financially by the Chinese population, Siam was keenly anticipating a major political coup or a suppressive Government counterblow.

The Siamese Police force, armed with rifles and machineguns and reinforced to full strength by military conscripts, nightly man road blocks thrown up across Bangkok's main thoroughfares linking the city with the airport and the main military zones.

As I Like It

The Meaning Of A Holiday

By Ranjee Shahani

THE IDEA of an annual holiday has not been made familiar in history, but it is now as much a part of the national life of Western nations as Saturday or Sunday, when work is carried on only where it is necessary to keep up essential services. Whatever the origin of the holiday notion, it seems now to be connected with the Anglo-Saxon habit of an intense and energetic living which calls for periodical relief and relaxation.

As an institution, the annual holiday appears to have extreme forms which correspond to a close connection to work throughout the year. It has local names in the north of England, and Wakes week is a period in which the workers in a particular industry, having saved money for the purpose, travel, more or less in one body, to some seaside town, there to revel in spending all that they have saved during the year. If this did not happen, I am told on authority, they would feel cheated.

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The essential quality of a holiday, as a holy day, is a change, generally from work for material ends to the contemplation of the good, to put the principle at its highest. With the worker in an industrial age, holiday means the cessation from all effort except that which may give immediate physical pleasure like eating and drinking.

In another section of working life, the clerical and its kind, the change has to be from the office to the field, and from the desk to the open road. Often indeed the sedentary worker is deluded into exhausting himself with the idea that in the open air by the seaside and in muscular effort there can be no excess.

The belle of change for its own sake is not confined to the simple. A well-known intellectual has described himself as turning from pens, ink and paper, and the other material aids of expression, to a regular round of dinners and concerts. More particularly he has related that while engaged on important work at the Paris Conference, after the war of 1914-18, he became completely stale, a condition of fatigue which when sufficiently extreme induces in its victim absolute ineffectiveness. He, therefore, went to his boss and announced that he must go away for a rest and holiday, for which he suggested the open air and the sea. His boss was sympathetic, but prescribed and insisted upon a quite different method of cure. "You will", he said, "go to bed at once. Take dinner in bed, of pate de foie gras and similar light food, of which, however, you will eat as much as you can. It is now Friday. You will continue this treatment until Monday, when you may rise late and go to the theatre if you return early to bed. On Tuesday you will be quite well." And so it happened though I shall not vouch for every detail of the story. The principle is clear; the essential need of a holiday is change even if that change should require the adoption of a brief habit, which, if continued, might be detrimental to health.

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It is obvious that this eagerness for change leads often to excess. That is as bad as the over-work from which relief is being sought, but such will not be the general holiday experience. Upon the whole the holiday habit is a source of recreation and renewal of energy.

Everywhere perhaps the holiday habit forms its own convention, which though sound in origin leads occasionally to inconvenience. For example, the chief university and school holiday falls, at least in England, towards the end of summer. Parents then follow the children, and to an incalculable extent many go in the wake of the crowd, with the result that a new form of relief is sought in the staggering or spreading of holidays more evenly throughout the summer.

It will be noticed that the holiday divisions in the Anglo-Saxon world, and largely in Europe, are dependent upon regular work and adequate earnings. In a vast country like India or Pakistan, where industrialisation is comparatively slight, excessive toil and the opportunity to save even for food, to say nothing of other matters, are largely unknown. The holiday need therefore does not arise, at least so far as the bulk of the population is concerned. But with the introduction of Western conditions the holiday institution and others concerned with industry will follow those of Europe and America.

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I need not end, however, with a dry description of the changing scene in a civilised world. There are still always sun, moon and stars. Today the sun is in his heaven and if all is not right with the world, much goes well and there are many signs that the Christmas spirit, and the holidays that go with it, will be as joyful as ever.

My friends are already scattering, though at present in small numbers, to the pleasant spots of India.

But Bombay just now is delightful, where one finds, even in the heart of the city, the colour and fragrance of flowers and the sweet jargon of the little birds.

Seventeen-year-old Miss Usha Roy of Lucknow and P. Balakrishnan Nair, 18, just before their departure from New Delhi for the United States aboard a Pan-American Constellation. The two students will represent India in The New York Herald Tribune Forum for High Schools during their ten-week U.S. visit. The photo shows (l. to r.): Miss Roy; Nair; John M. Steeves, First Secretary of the American Embassy; and Dr. Tara Chand, Secretary of the Ministry of Education.—USIS Photo.

Flying Of Foreign Flags Banned In Malaya

KUALA LUMPUR, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—Flying of foreign flags and displaying of pictures of national leaders of foreign countries is banned in Malaya under an official bill passed unanimously by the Federal Legislative Council of Malaya today.

Under the new law only the flags of the Federation and of Malay States and the Union Jack may be flown. The usual diplomatic privileges respecting flags and national emblems however continue.

Similar legislation has already been enacted by the Singapore Legislative Council.

EXPERTS WANT SINGLE WORLD BRAILLE

PARIS, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—Seven experts on problems of the blind, five of them blind themselves, have decided here that a single system of Braille for the blind of the world is "both desirable and practicable."

The experts, who concluded a five day meeting at the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation headquarters, recommended establishing of a World Braille Council.

The experts, who met with UNESCO Secretariat members to plan an international conference on Braille to be held in Paris in March 1950.

RED MENACE IN HYDERABAD STILL UNCHECKED

Drastic Agrarian Reforms Will Solve Problem, Says Jayaprakash

HYDERABAD, Dec. 23 (PTI). —Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Socialist Leader, told a press conference here today that he was convinced that "the complacency with which Sardar Patel spoke of having localised the Communist trouble in the Hyderabad State is not justified by the facts."

The Socialist leader added: "I am afraid that the method in which this problem is being handled is superficial. The method is purely that of the policeman. Communism cannot be fought merely by the police."

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan declared that the basic remedy was "to remove the cause of social injustice and oppression" and to do that, "a drastic agrarian reform is immediately called for and certain agrarian decrees should forthwith be announced.

"Secondly, a well-planned political campaign should be launched against the destructive activities of the Communists. For this purpose, full facilities should be afforded to political parties to go into the Communist strongholds and do intensive work."

Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan said he was told "that even the State Congress is finding it difficult to carry on this kind of work due to official policy." He, however, hoped that the Communist problem would be "handled more scientifically and with better political insight."

"After the great struggle of the people of this State against the Nizam's tyranny and the Razakar atrocities, and after the intervention of the Government of India, the least that the people expected was that the Nizam would be deposed and that steps would soon be taken to destroy the feudal system root and branch."

Mr. Jayaprakash said that if the purpose of State Constituent Assembly, that will be elected, was only to decide the issue of accession and disintegration of the State "there was no need, to my mind, to incur such a heavy expenditure in holding elections. This purpose could as well have been served through a plebiscite.

"Nobody can be sure when the first general elections would be held in the country. In view of this uncertainty, it is unjust to prevent the people of the State from forming a popular Government of their own by continuing a nominated Ministry. If elections to the State Constituent Assembly are going to be held in March as announced, that Assembly should not be dissolved after deciding the issues of accession and disintegration but should be turned, as representing the will of the people, into a Legislative Assembly of the State, and power should be handed over to those who command a majority in it."

U. S. Bomber Crashes

SAVANNAH (Georgia), Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—The crew of eleven of a United States Air Force superfortress bomber were killed when it crashed in flames in a march near here last night.

Sardar Ibrahim Meets Nimitz

LAKE SUCCESS, Dec. 23 (PTI-Reuter)—Sardar Mohammad Ibrahim Khan, "President of the Azad Kashmir Government" had an hour's conference with United Nations Plebiscite Administrator for Kashmir, Admiral Chester Nimitz yesterday.

Sardar Khan and his adviser, Mr. M. L. Islam, met Admiral Nimitz in his Lake Success office.

According to Mr. Islam, the "whole range of plebiscite problems" was discussed.

18 DACOITS BAGGED

GWALIOR, Dec. 23 (PTI).—The Madhya Bharat Police yesterday captured a gang of 18 dacoits known to be responsible for dacoities in the Union.

11 Haj Pilgrims Die Of Smallpox

CHITTAGONG, Dec. 23 (PTI).—Eleven passengers on board the "Rizwani"—a pilgrim ship on its way here from Jeddah—have died of smallpox, and seventy more were affected, according to reports reaching here today.

The ship was due to have arrived at Chittagong port on December 18 last, but has been delayed on the way.

Reports from the mofussil areas of Chittagong district indicate that small pox has broken out there.

MUTT AND JEFF—After All Jeff Was Only Supposed To Be A Ringer — By BUD FISHER

MUTT, I WAS ONLY WATCHING A DICE GAME AND NOW A COP'S AFTER ME!
QUICK, HIDE IN THIS EMPTY BAG!
DID YOU SEE A LITTLE GUY GO BY HERE?
NO!
WHAT'S IN THIS BAG?
OH, JUST SOME OLD BELLS I USED ON CHRISTMAS
?
JINGLE JINGLE DING!

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